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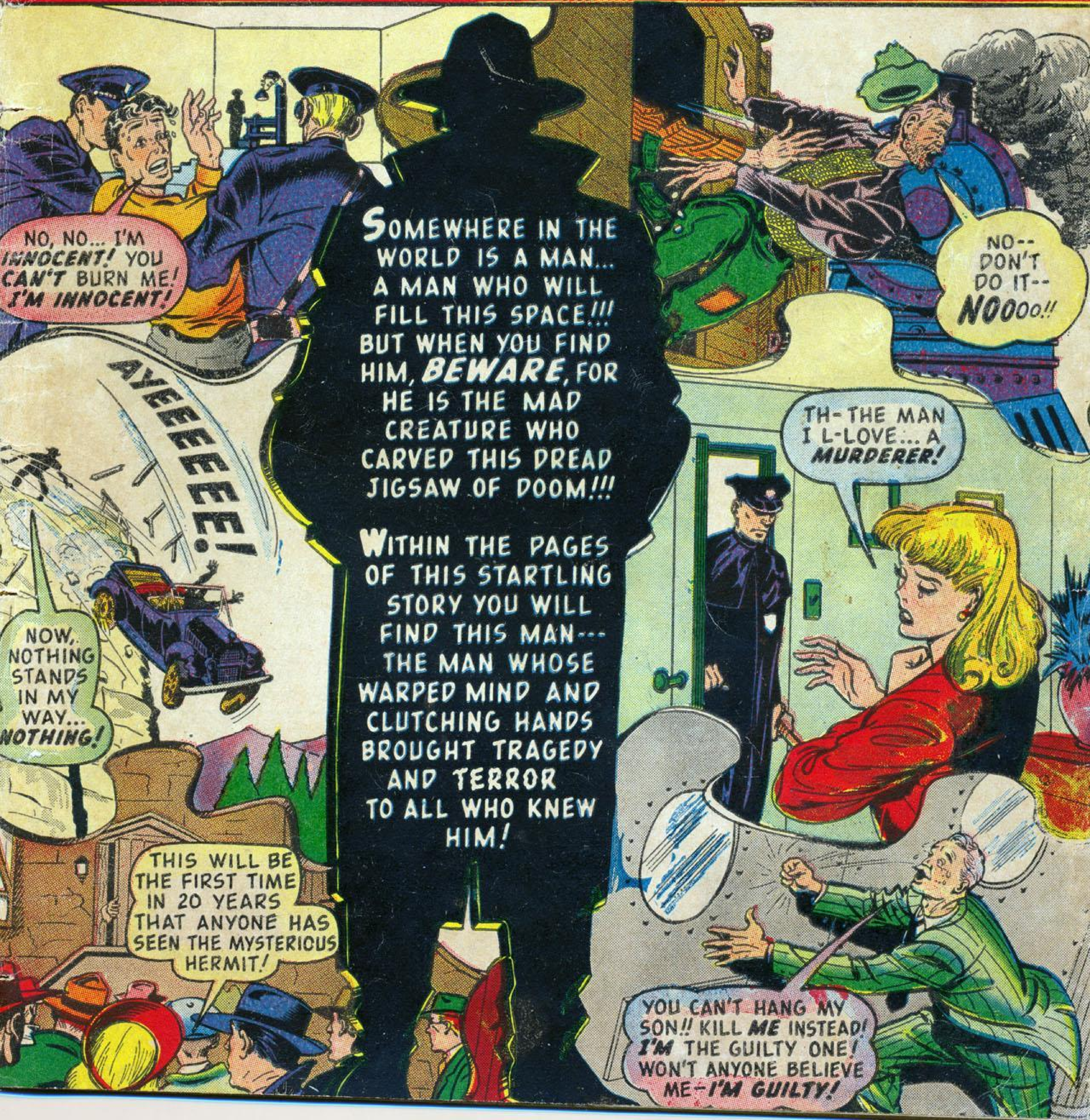
NO, NO... I'M *INNOCENT!* YOU *CAN'T* BURN ME! *I'M INNOCENT!*
AYEEEEEE!
NOW, NOTHING STANDS IN MY WAY... *NOTHING!*
THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS THAT ANYONE HAS SEEN THE MYSTERIOUS HERMIT!
SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD IS A MAN... A MAN WHO WILL FILL THIS SPACE!!! BUT WHEN YOU FIND HIM, *BEWARE*, FOR HE IS THE MAD CREATURE WHO CARVED THIS DREAD JIGSAW OF DOOM!!!
WITHIN THE PAGES OF THIS STARTLING STORY YOU WILL FIND THIS MAN--- THE MAN WHOSE WARPED MIND AND CLUTCHING HANDS BROUGHT TRAGEDY AND TERROR TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM!
NO-- DON'T DO IT-- *NOOoo!!*
TH-THE MAN I L-LOVE... A *MURDERER!*
YOU CAN'T HANG MY SON!! KILL *ME* INSTEAD! *I'M* THE GUILTY ONE! WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME--*I'M GUILTY!*

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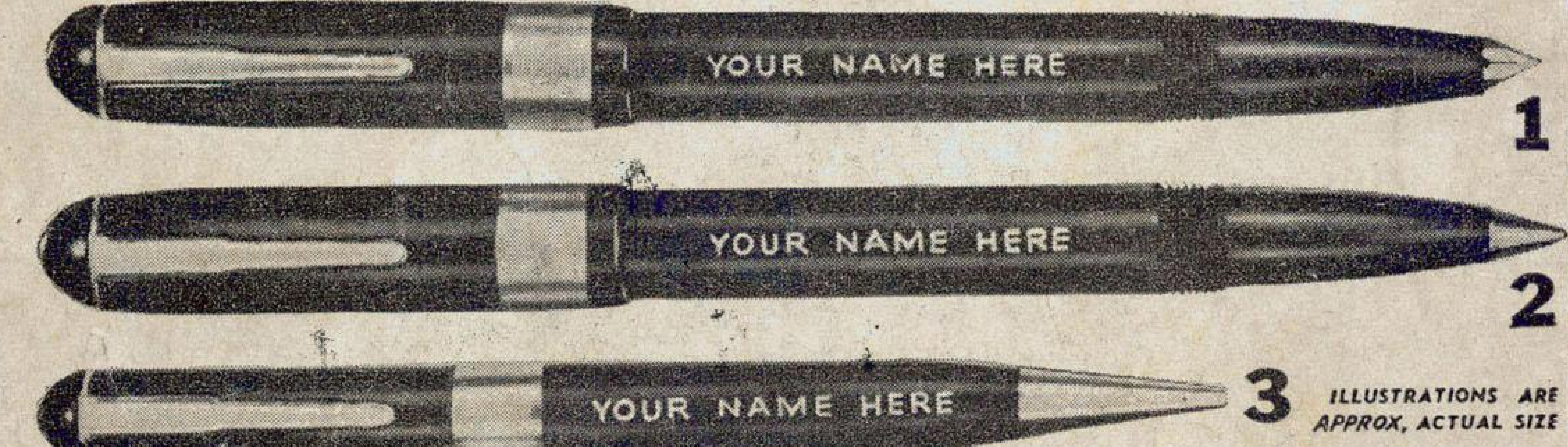

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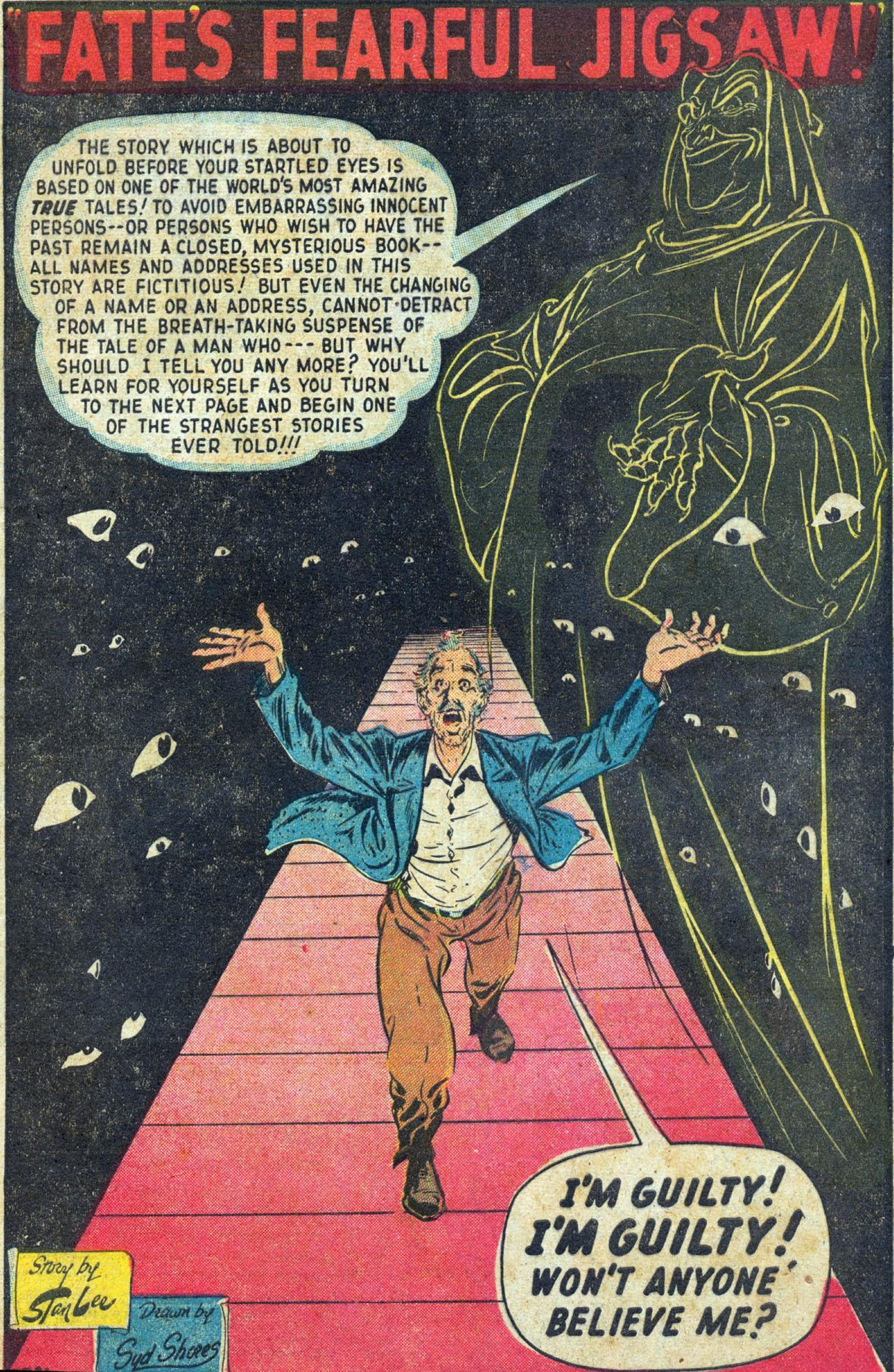
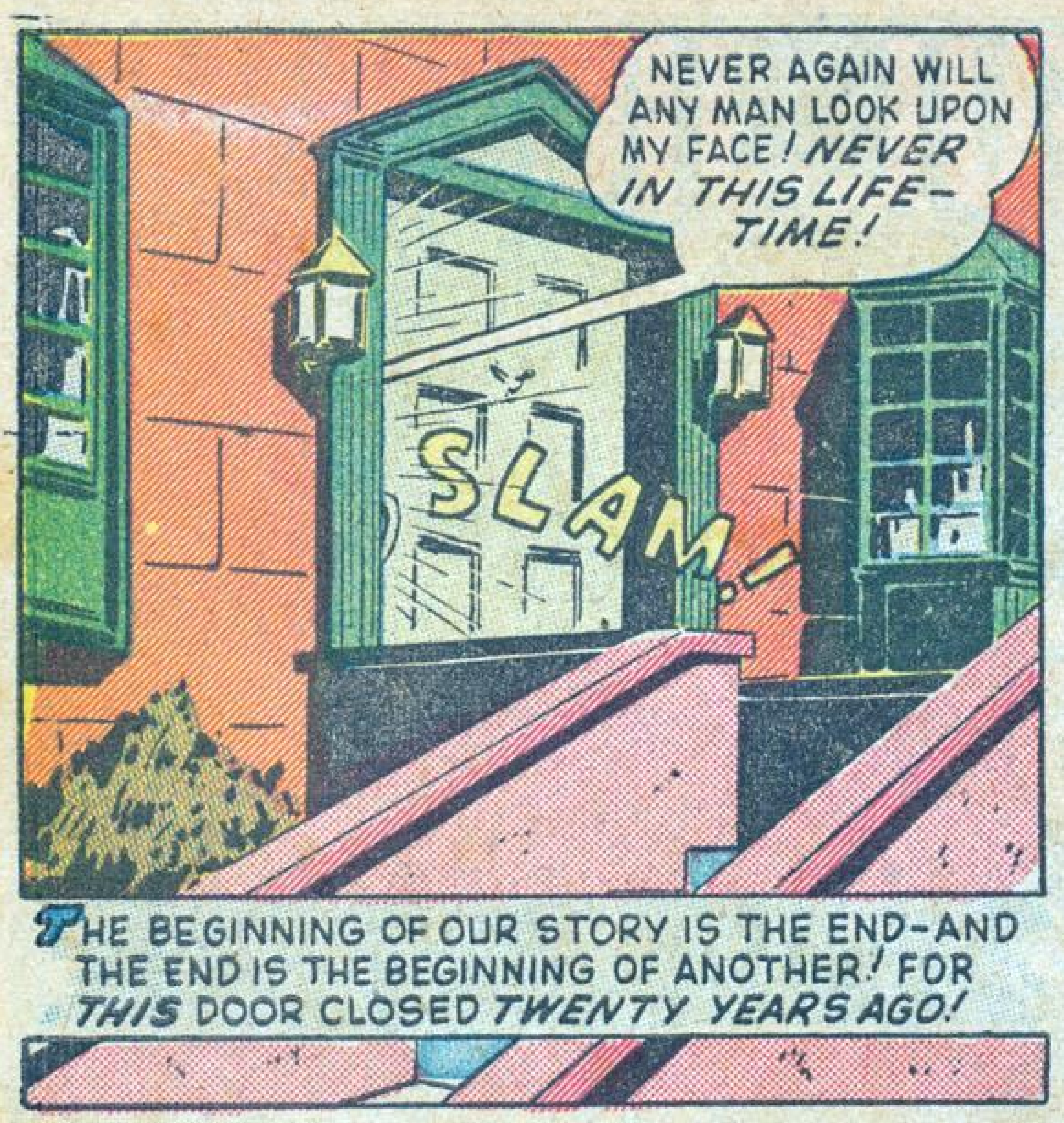
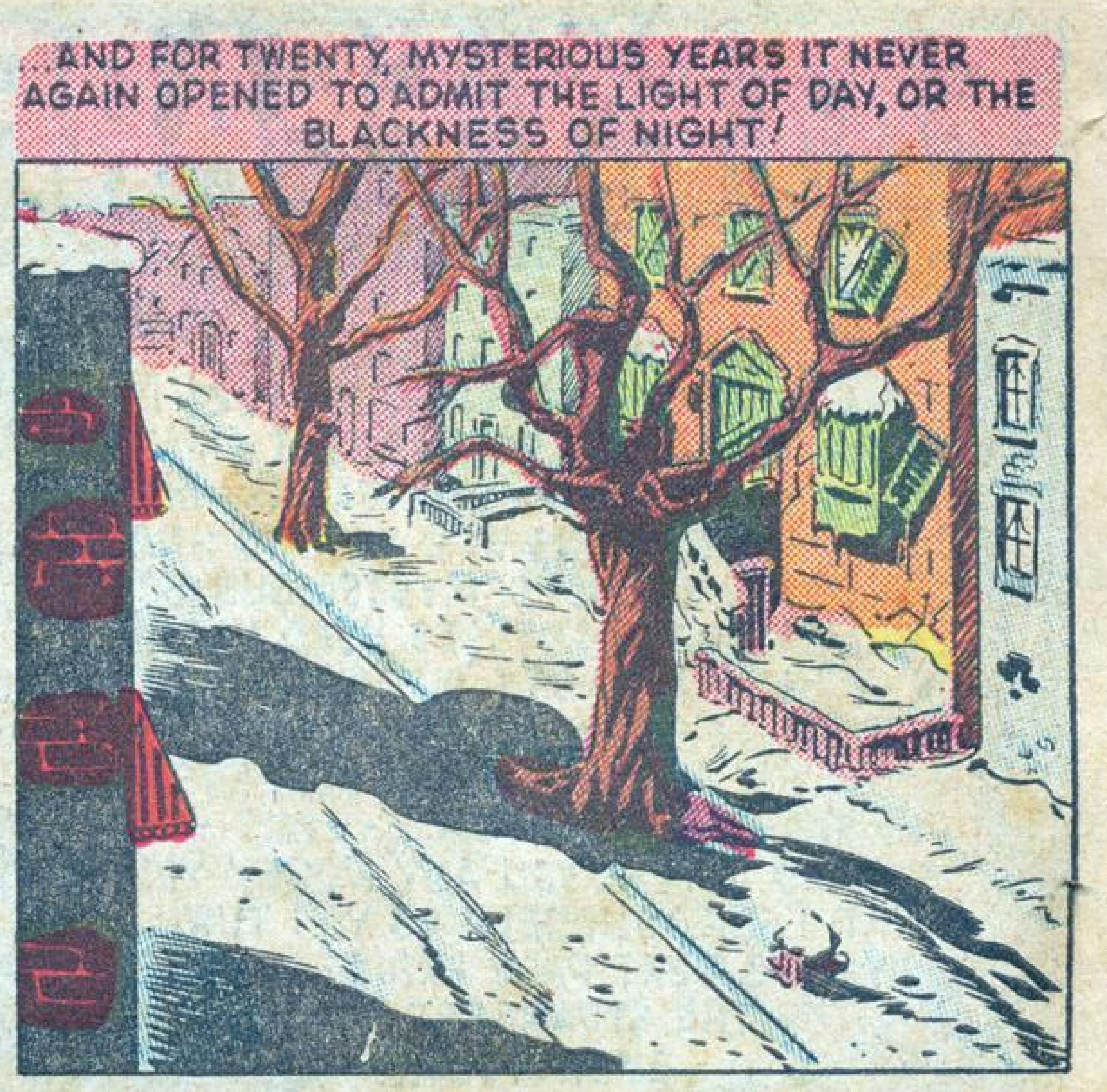
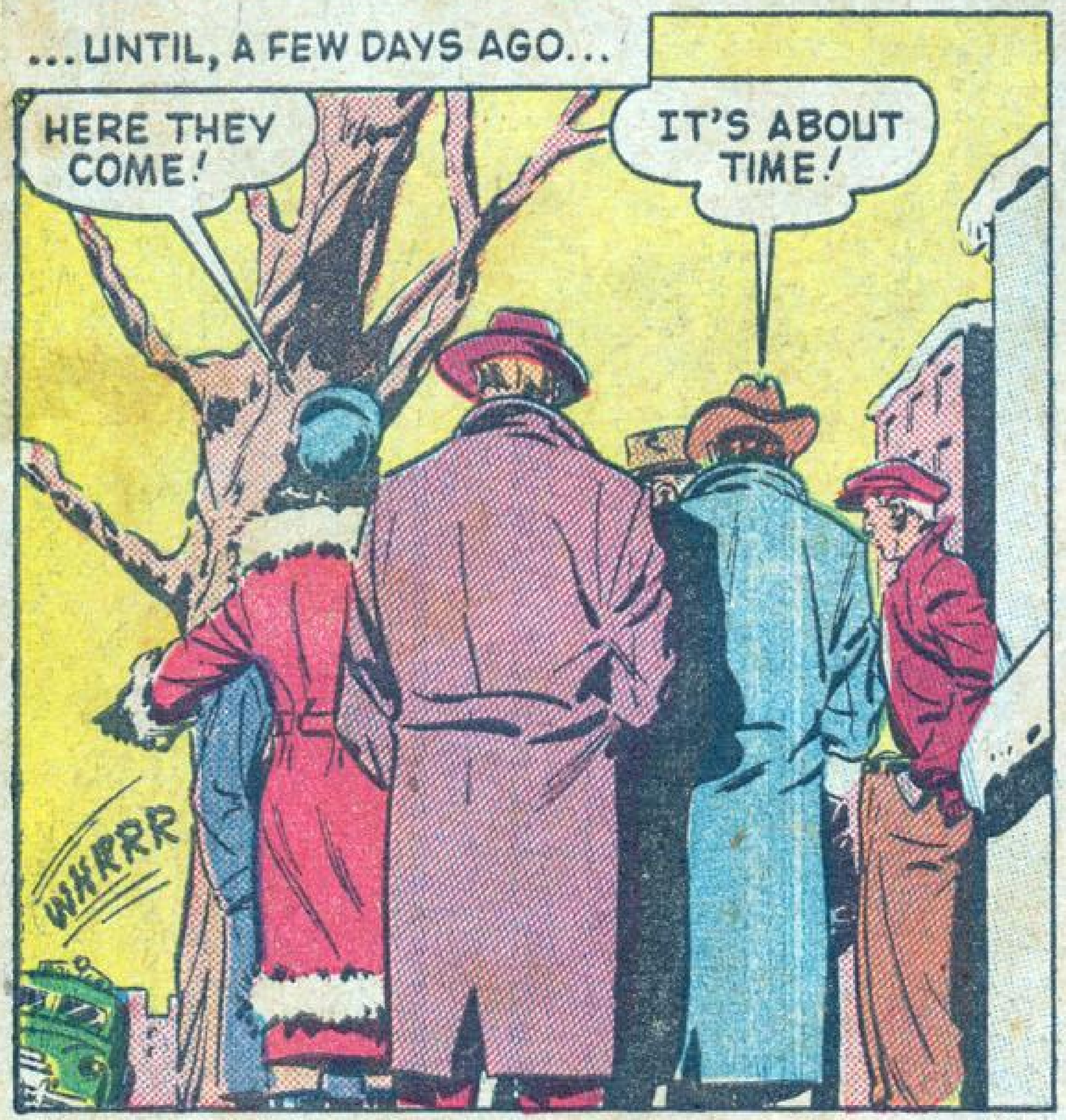
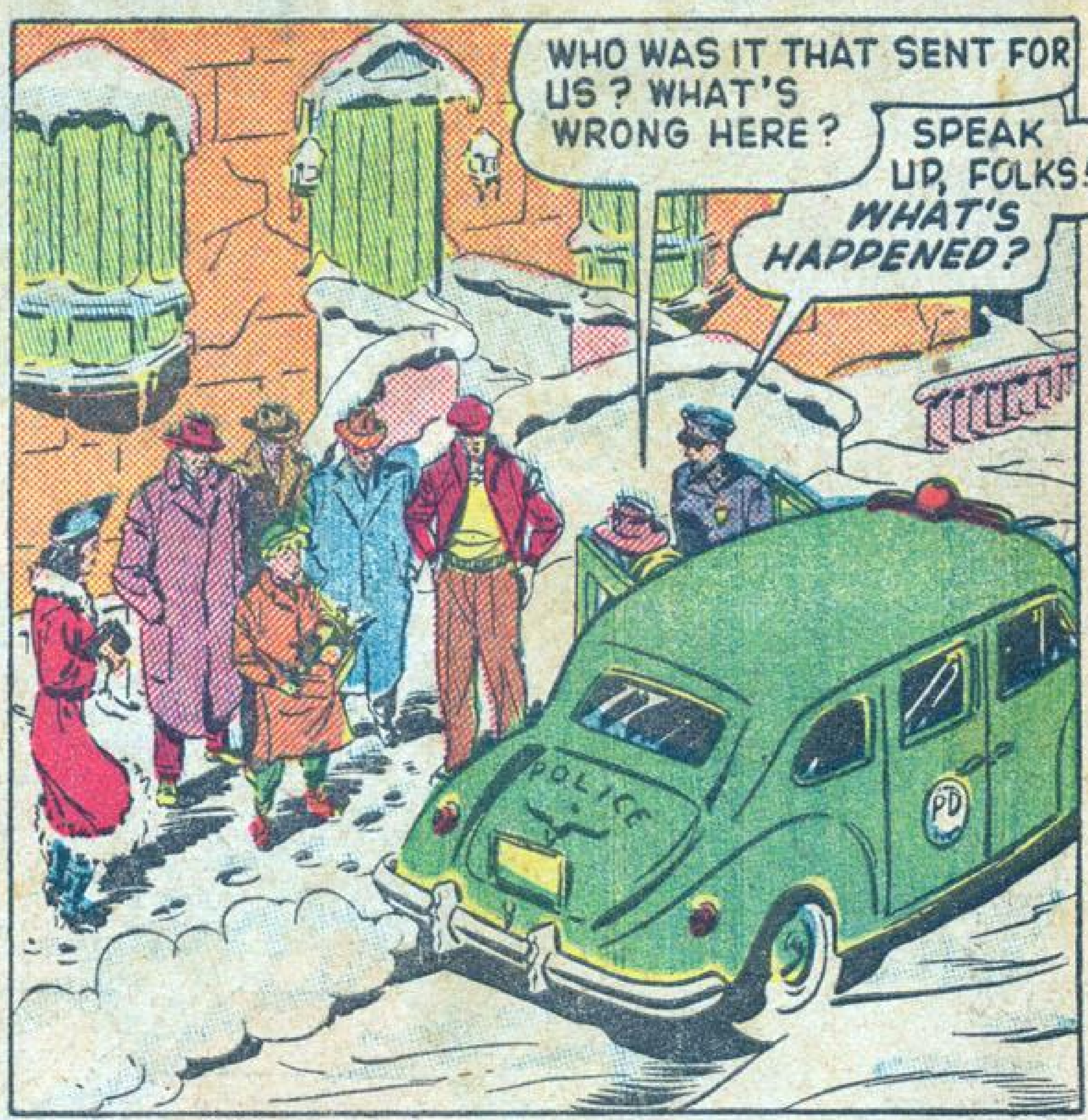
"FATE'S FEARFUL JIGSAW!"

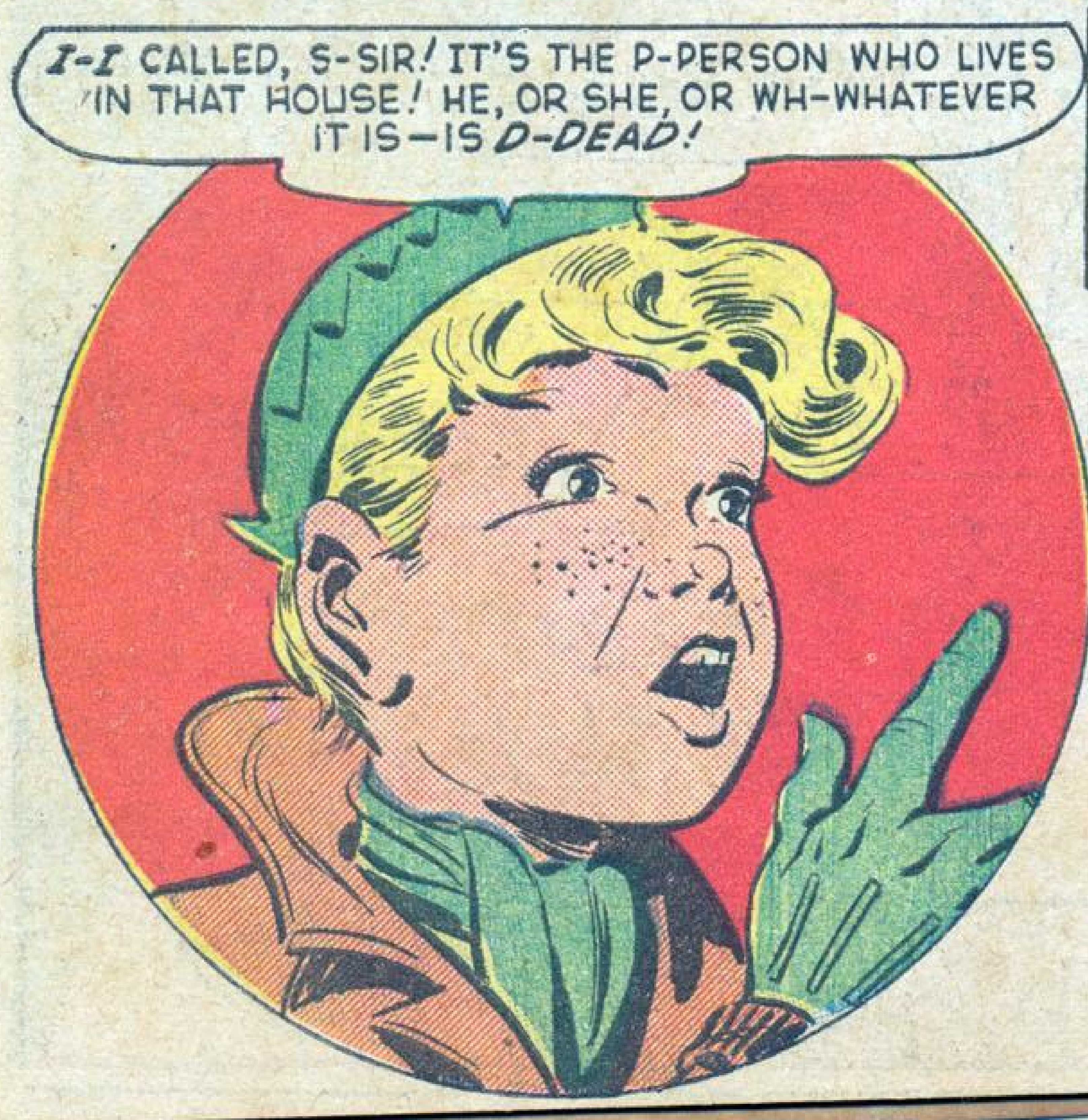

THE STORY WHICH IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD BEFORE YOUR STARTLED EYES IS BASED ON ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING *TRUE* TALES! TO AVOID EMBARRASSING INNOCENT PERSONS--OR PERSONS WHO WISH TO HAVE THE PAST REMAIN A CLOSED, MYSTERIOUS BOOK--ALL NAMES AND ADDRESSES USED IN THIS STORY ARE FICTITIOUS! BUT EVEN THE CHANGING OF A NAME OR AN ADDRESS, CANNOT DETRACT FROM THE BREATH-TAKING SUSPENSE OF THE TALE OF A MAN WHO--- BUT WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU ANY MORE? YOU'LL LEARN FOR YOURSELF AS YOU TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE AND BEGIN ONE OF THE STRANGEST STORIES EVER TOLD!!!
I'M GUILTY! I'M GUILTY! WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?
Story by Stan Lee
Drawn by Syd Shores

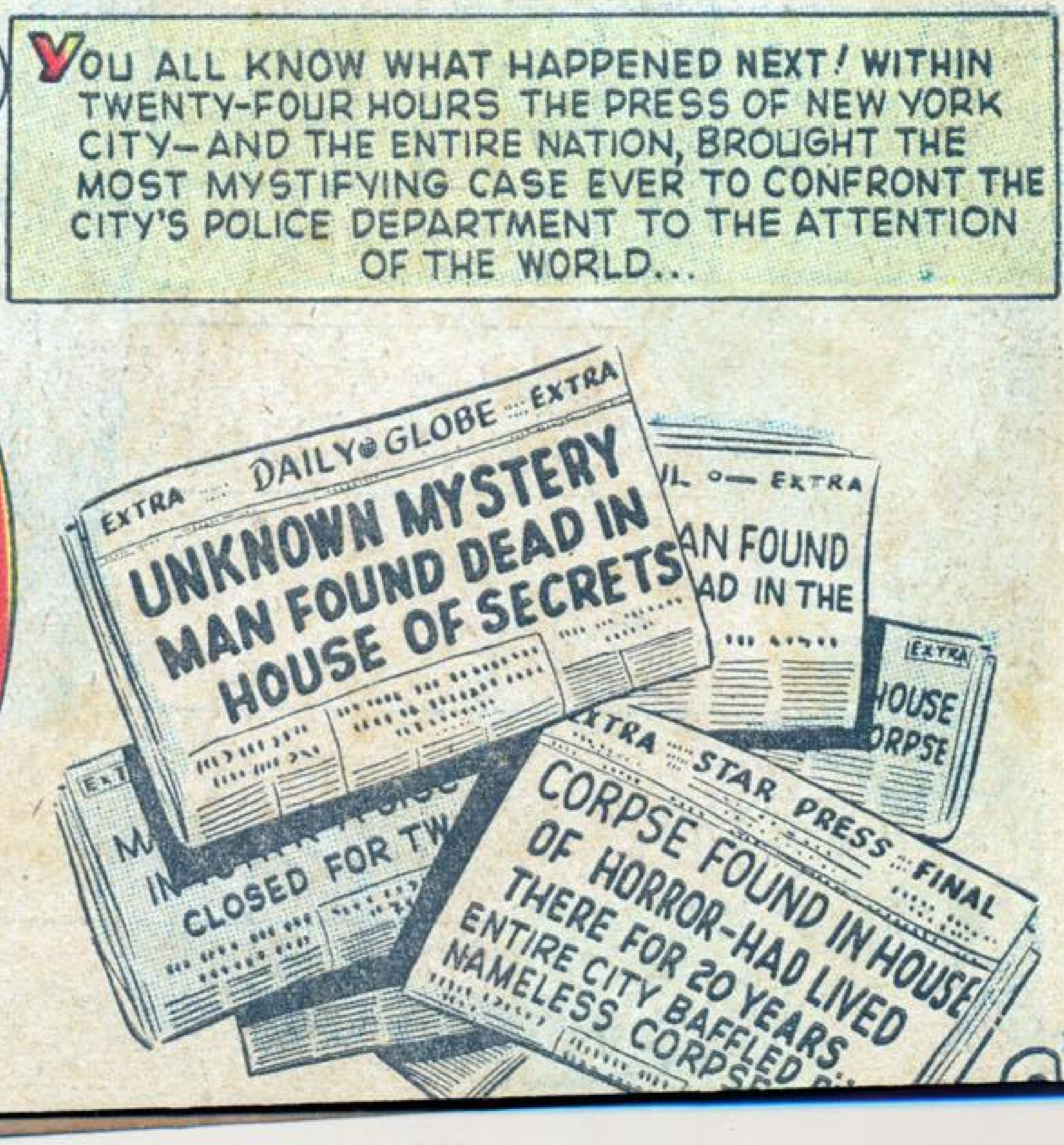

NEVER AGAIN WILL ANY MAN LOOK UPON MY FACE! NEVER IN THIS LIFE-TIME!
SLAM!
THE BEGINNING OF OUR STORY IS THE END—AND THE END IS THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER! FOR THIS DOOR CLOSED TWENTY YEARS AGO!


AND FOR TWENTY, MYSTERIOUS YEARS IT NEVER AGAIN OPENED TO ADMIT THE LIGHT OF DAY, OR THE BLACKNESS OF NIGHT!

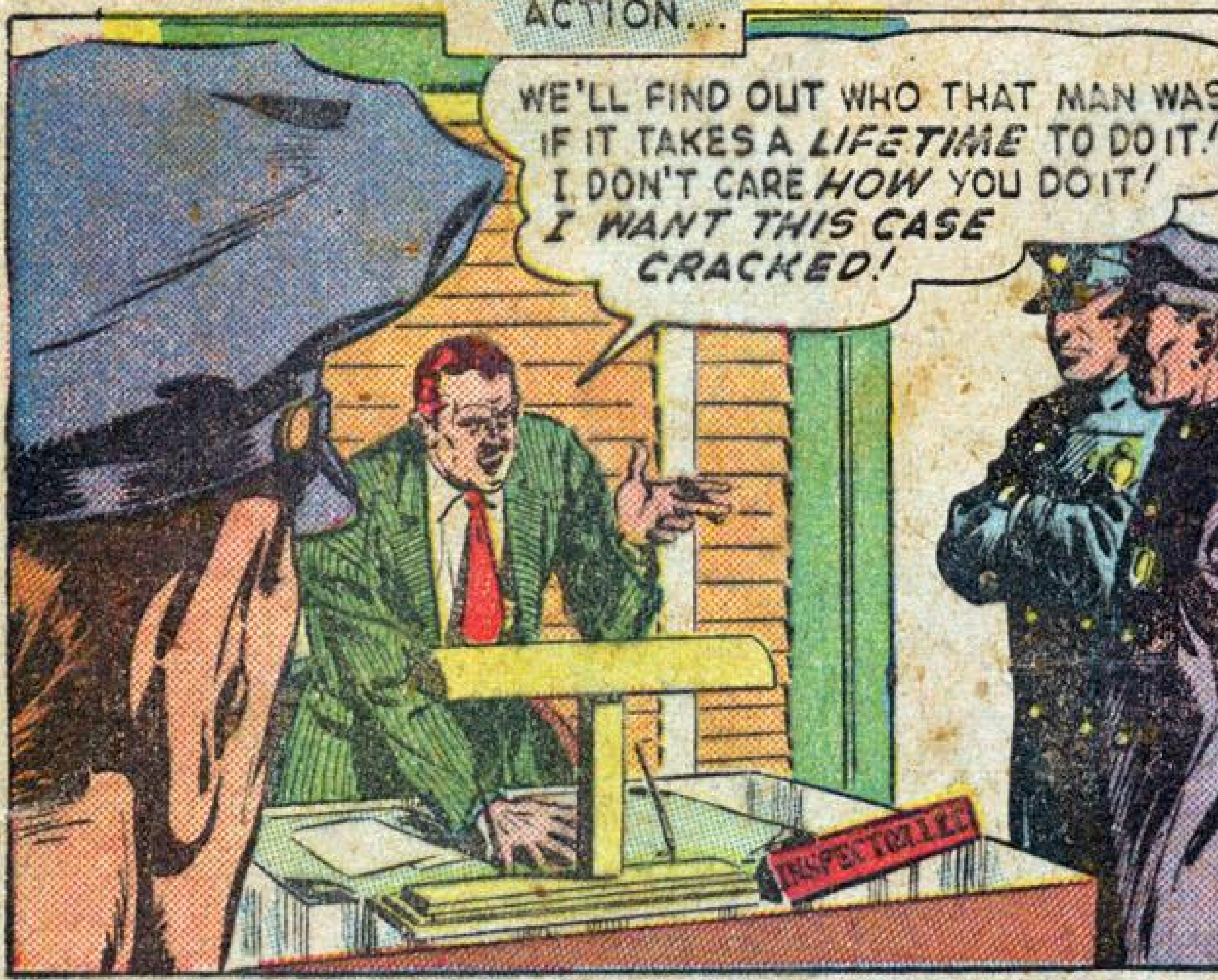

...UNTIL, A FEW DAYS AGO...
HERE THEY COME!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
WHRRR

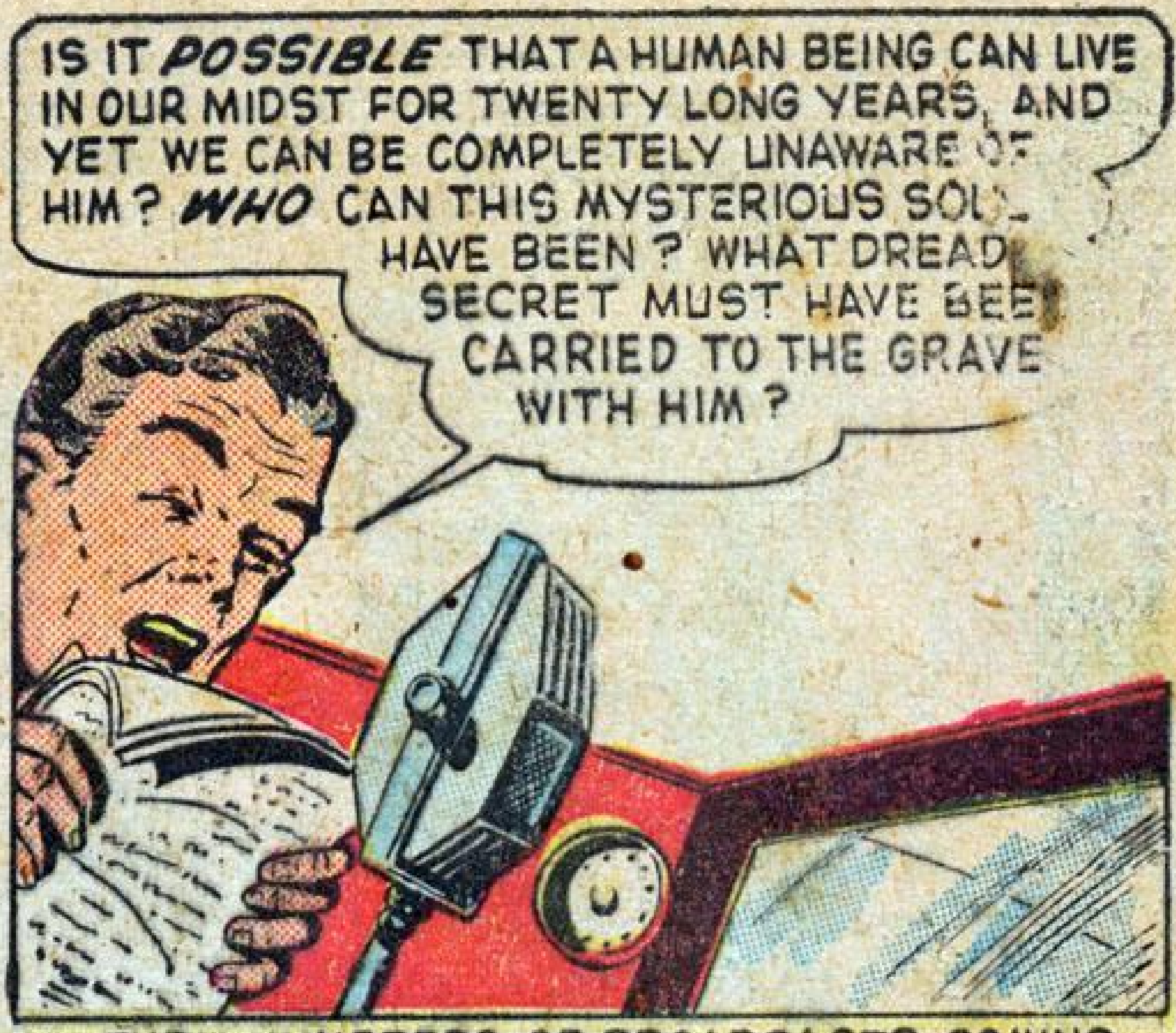

WHO WAS IT THAT SENT FOR US? WHAT'S WRONG HERE?
SPEAK UP, FOLKS! WHAT'S HAPPENED?
POLICE
PD


I-I CALLED, S-SIR! IT'S THE P-PERSON WHO LIVES IN THAT HOUSE! HE, OR SHE, OR WH-WHATEVER IT IS—IS D-DEAD!

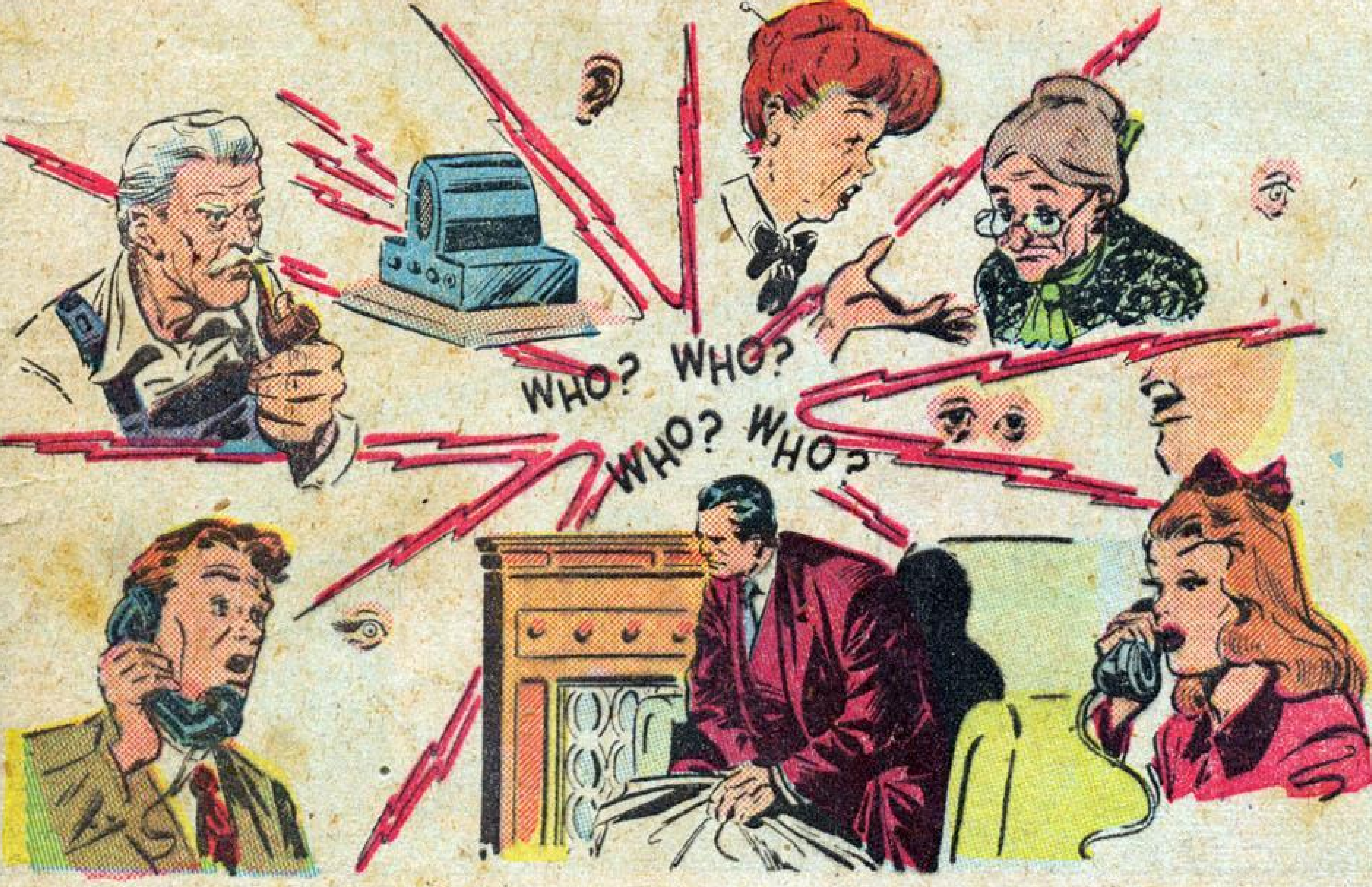

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT! WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THE PRESS OF NEW YORK CITY—AND THE ENTIRE NATION, BROUGHT THE MOST MYSTIFYING CASE EVER TO CONFRONT THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD...
EXTRA DAILY GLOBE EXTRA
UNKNOWN MYSTERY MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOUSE OF SECRETS
EXTRA
AN FOUND AD IN THE
EXTRA HOUSE ORPSE
CLOSED FOR TW
EXTRA STAR PRESS FINAL
CORPSE FOUND IN HOUSE OF HORROR—HAD LIVED THERE FOR 20 YEARS
ENTIRE CITY BAFFLED
NAMELESS CORPSE

AND WITH THE RAPT ATTENTION OF THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD FOCUSED UPON THIS UNBELIEVABLE CASE, THE POLICE FORCE OF THE MIGHTY METROPOLIS WENT INTO ACTION...

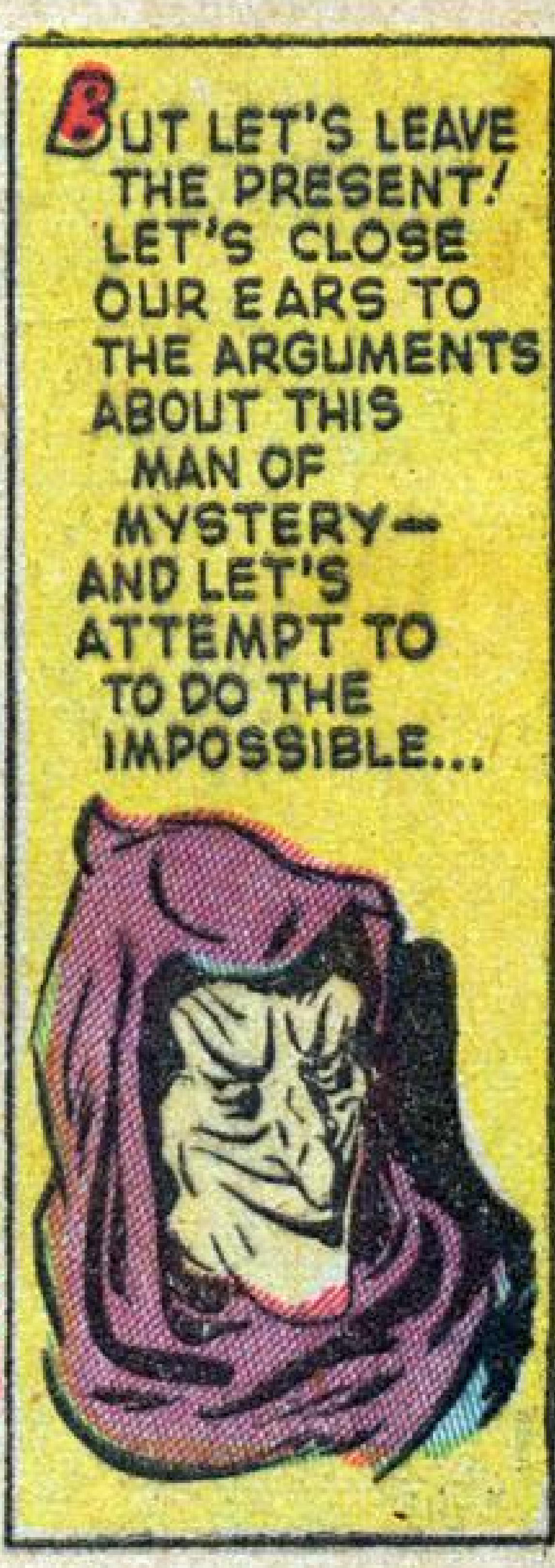

WE'LL FIND OUT WHO THAT MAN WAS IF IT TAKES A *LIFETIME* TO DO IT! I DON'T CARE *HOW* YOU DO IT! *I WANT THIS CASE CRACKED!*
INSPECTOR


IS IT *POSSIBLE* THAT A HUMAN BEING CAN LIVE IN OUR MIDST FOR TWENTY LONG YEARS, AND YET WE CAN BE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HIM? *WHO* CAN THIS MYSTERIOUS SOUL HAVE BEEN? WHAT DREAD SECRET MUST HAVE BEEN CARRIED TO THE GRAVE WITH HIM?

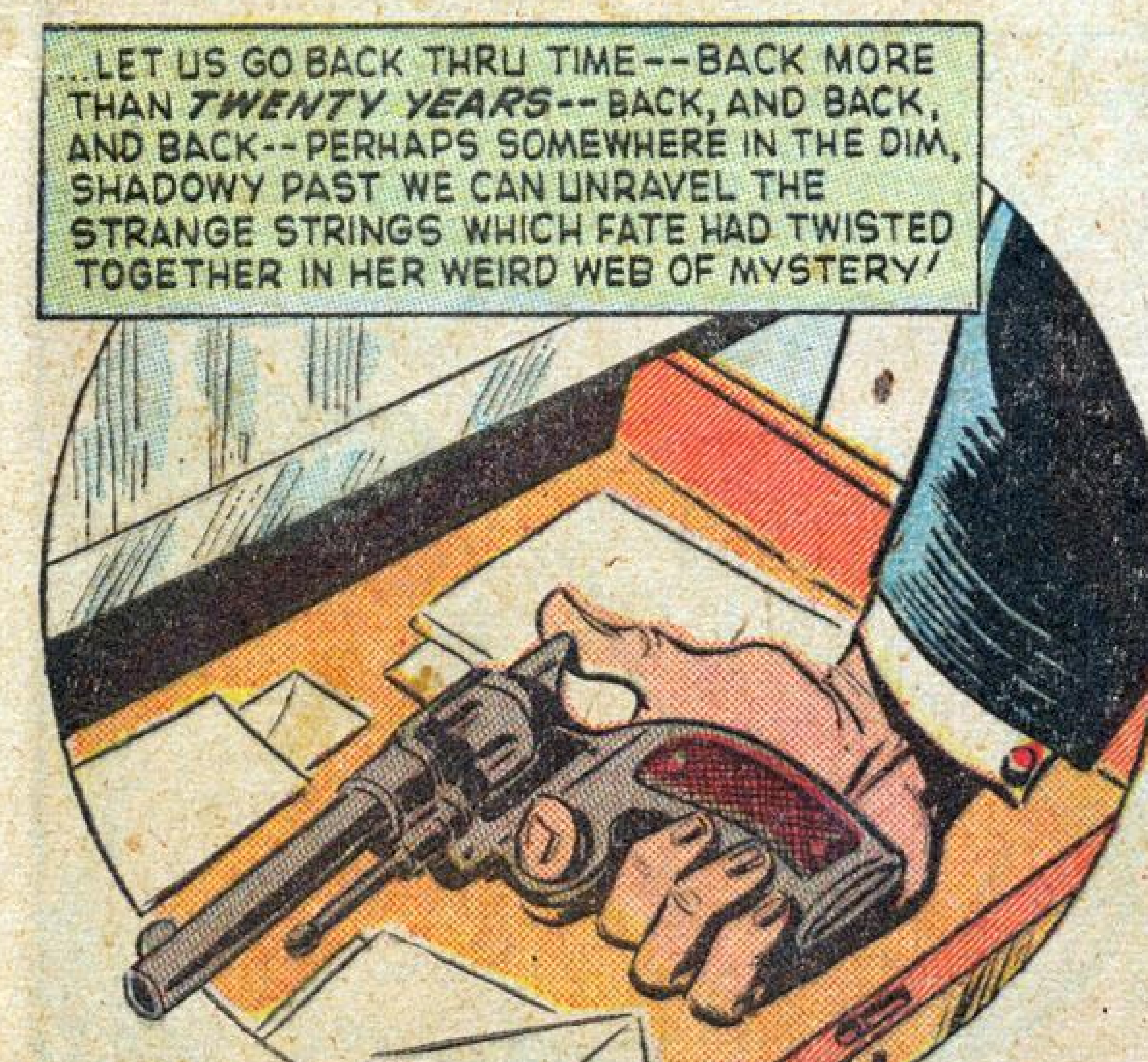
THRU HUNDREDS OF BROADCASTS COMING OVER COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF RADIO RECEIVERS, ADDED IMPETUS WAS GIVEN TO THE CASE WHICH HAD CAUGHT THE CONCENTRATED INTEREST OF THE WORLD...


WHO? WHO?
WHO? WHO?

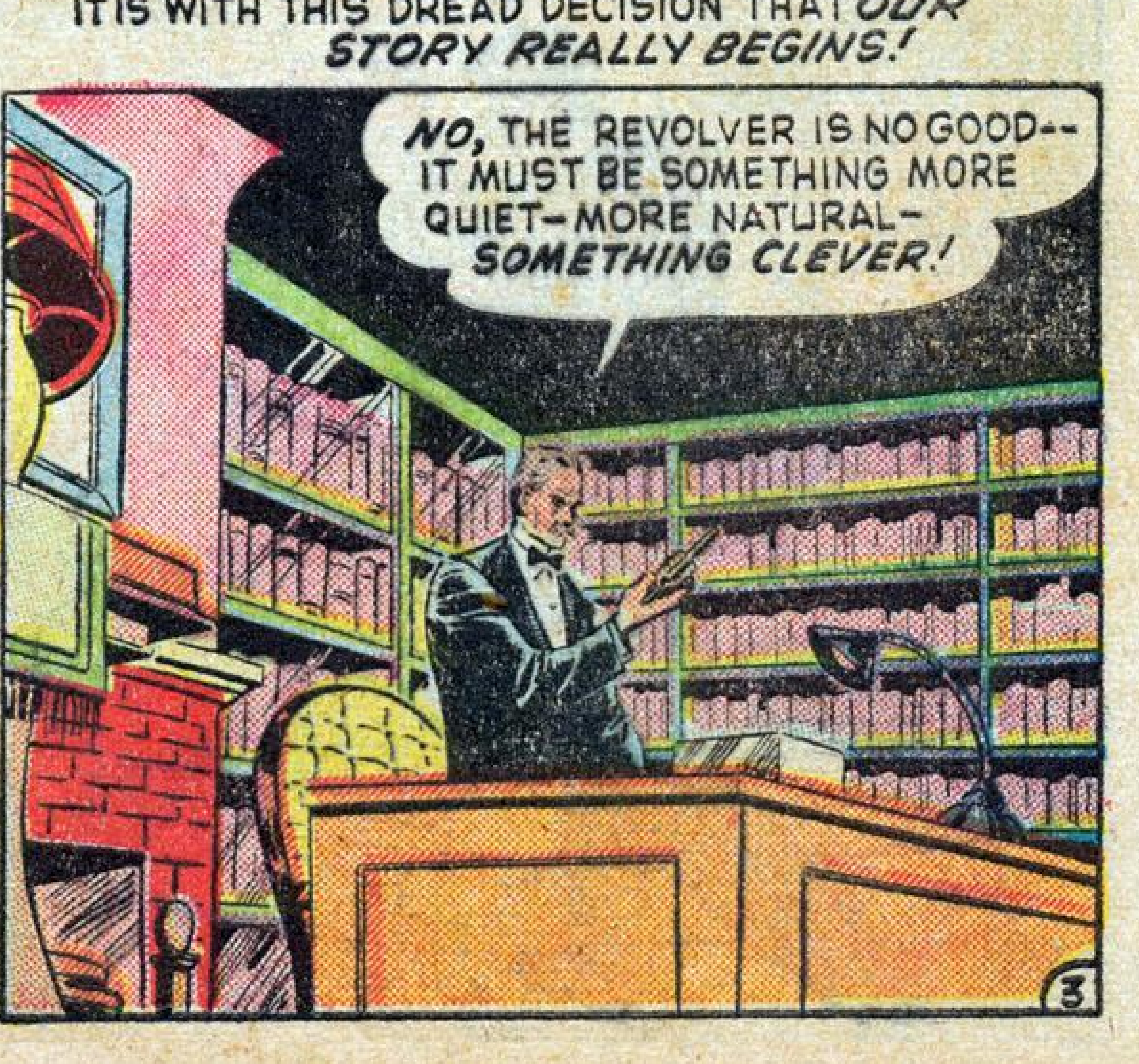
BUT LET'S LEAVE THE PRESENT! LET'S CLOSE OUR EARS TO THE ARGUMENTS ABOUT THIS MAN OF MYSTERY—AND LET'S ATTEMPT TO TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE...

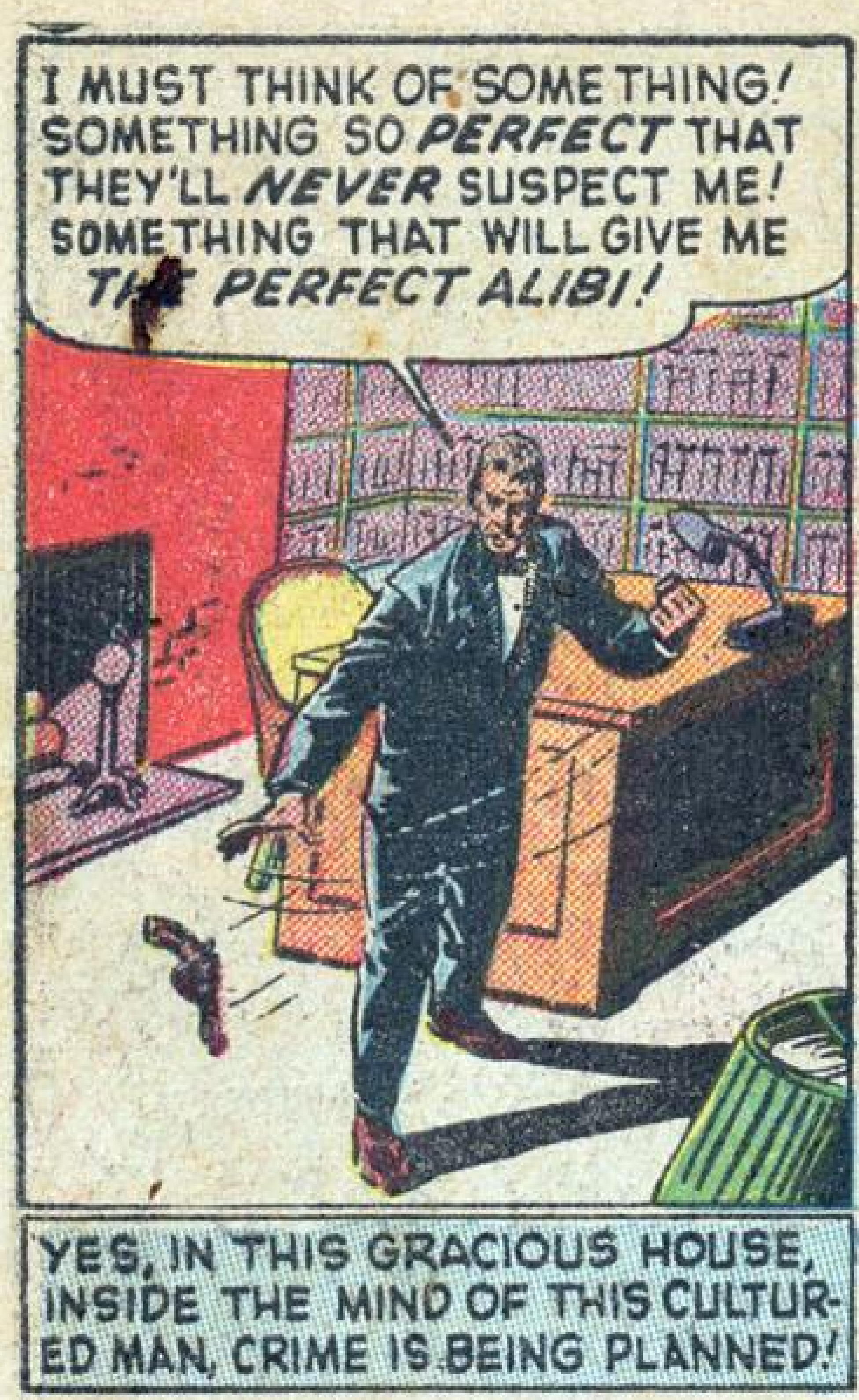


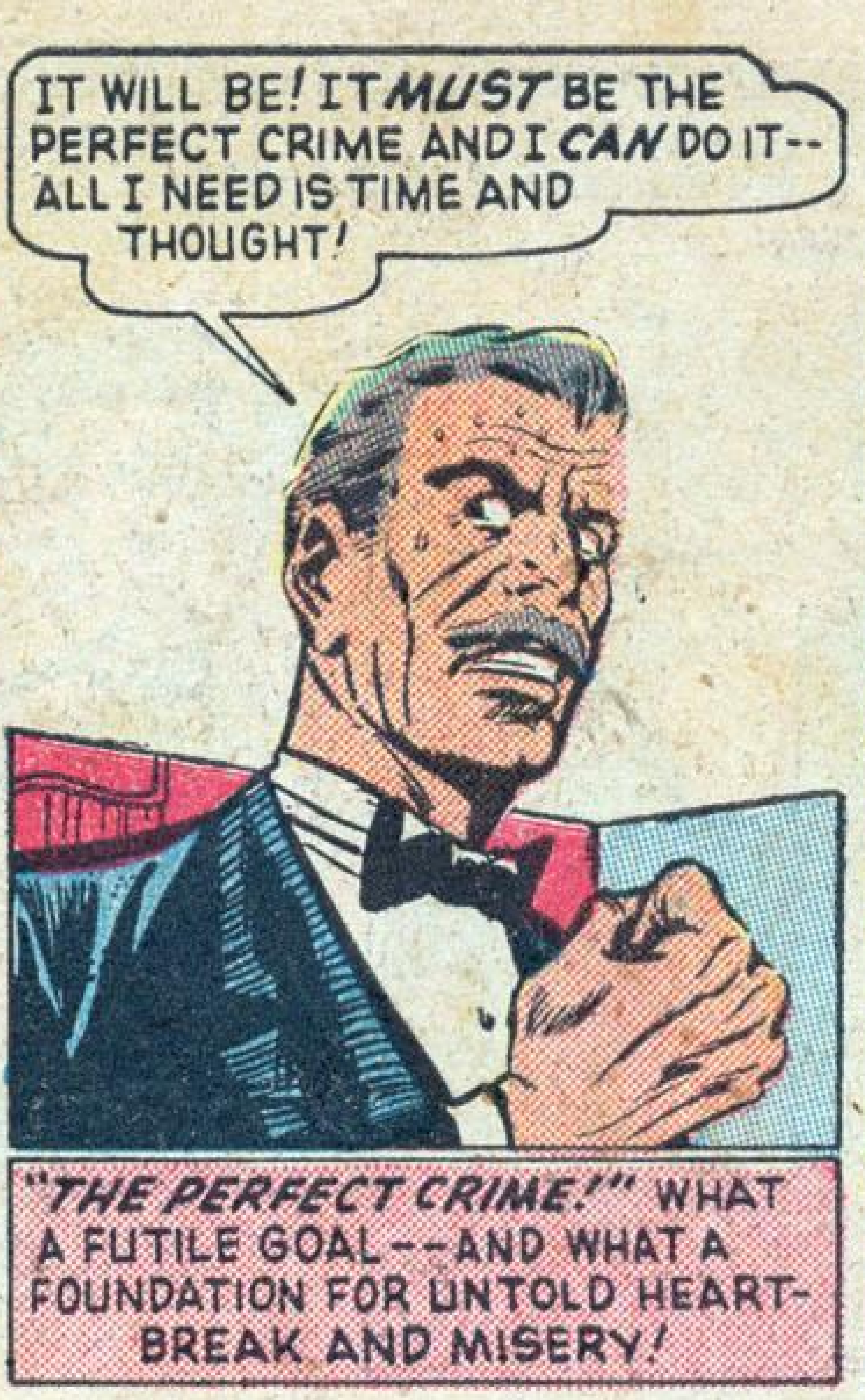
...LET US GO BACK THRU TIME--BACK MORE THAN *TWENTY YEARS*--BACK, AND BACK, AND BACK--PERHAPS SOMEWHERE IN THE DIM, SHADOWY PAST WE CAN UNRAVEL THE STRANGE STRINGS WHICH FATE HAD TWISTED TOGETHER IN HER WEIRD WEB OF MYSTERY!

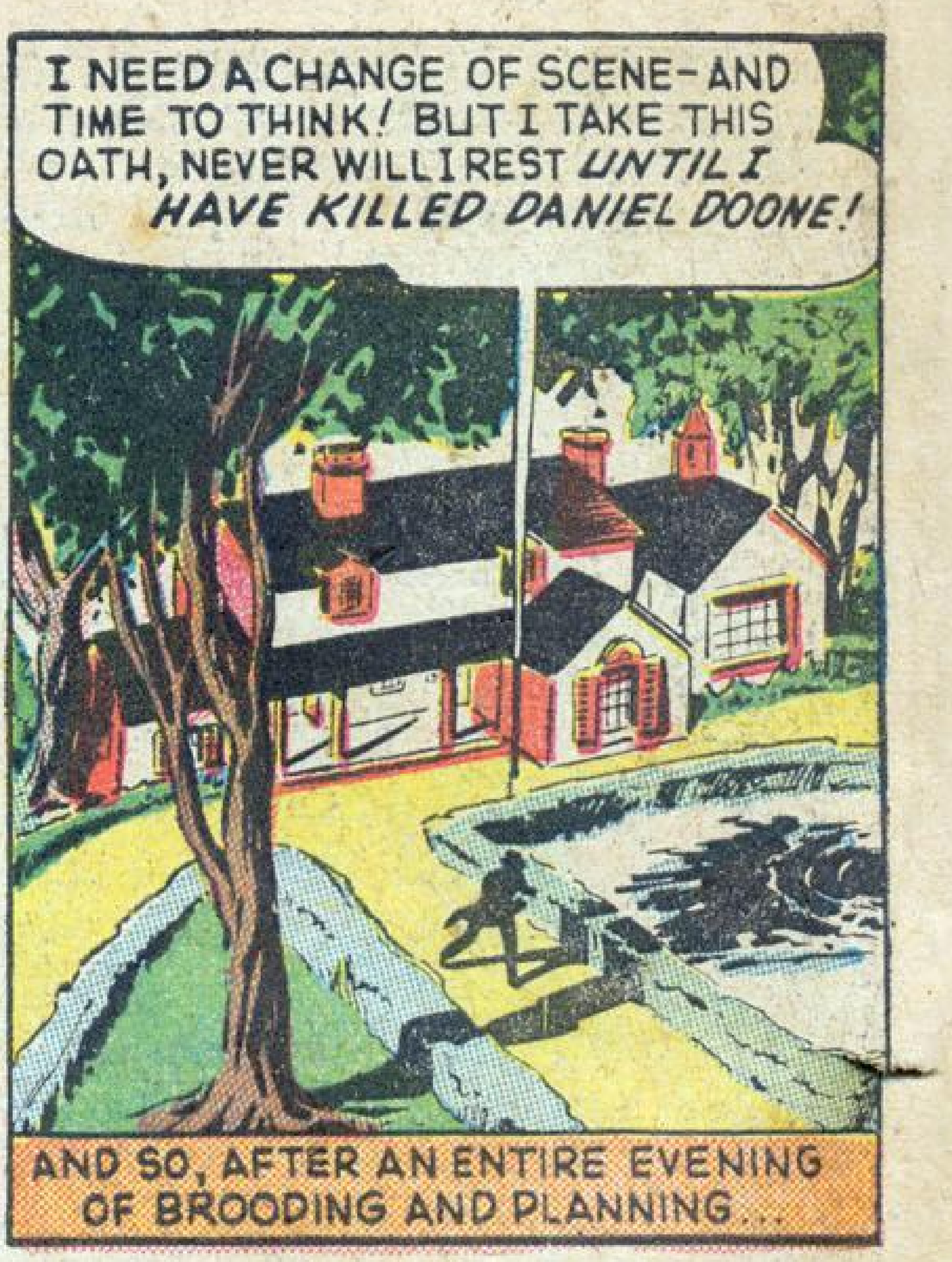


HERE, MORE THAN TWO DECADES AGO, IN THE LIBRARY OF WILLIAM VANE, A DECISION IS BEING MADE--AND IT IS WITH THIS DREAD DECISION THAT *OUR STORY REALLY BEGINS!*

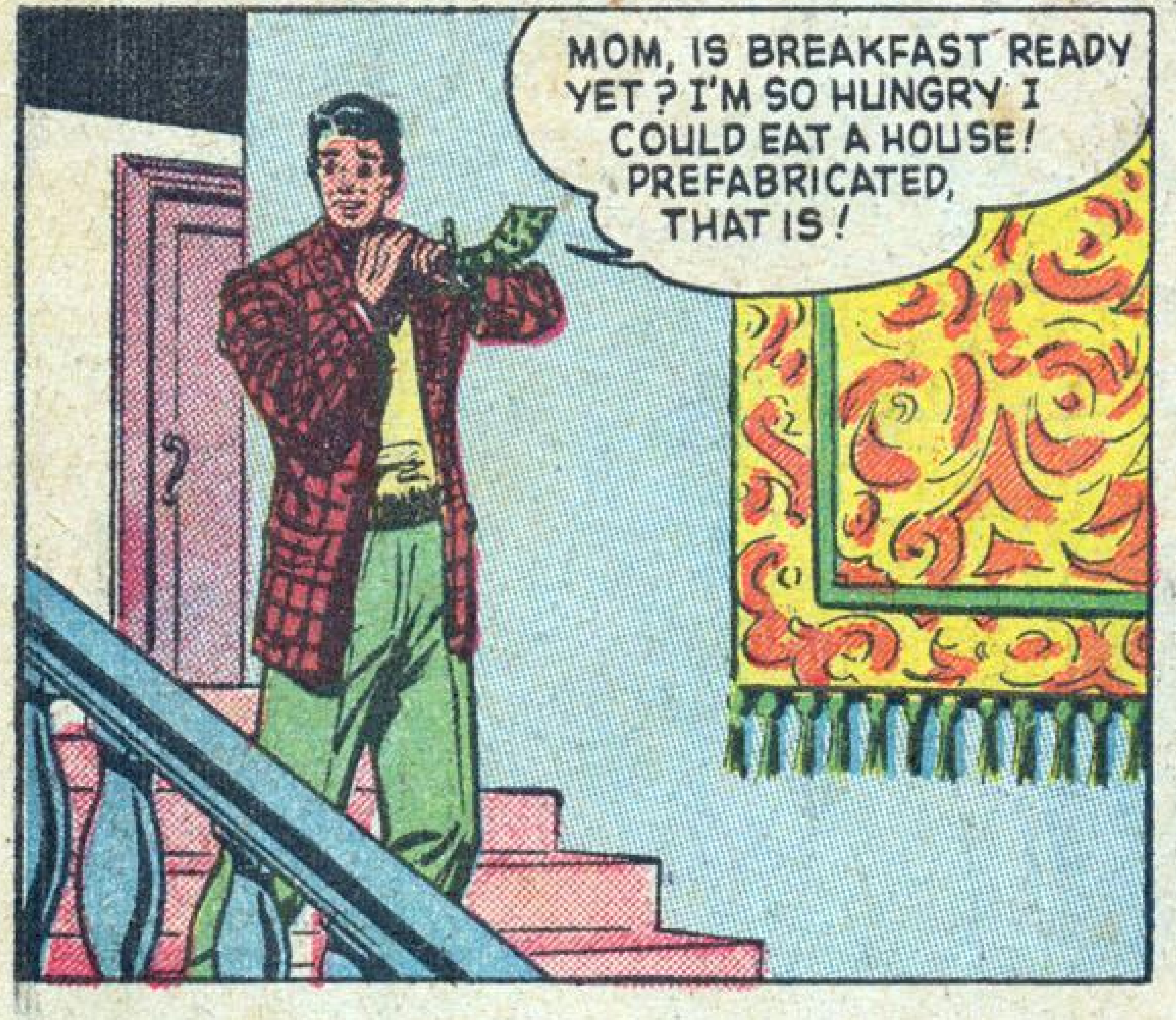

NO, THE REVOLVER IS NO GOOD--IT MUST BE SOMETHING MORE QUIET--MORE NATURAL--*SOMETHING CLEVER!*

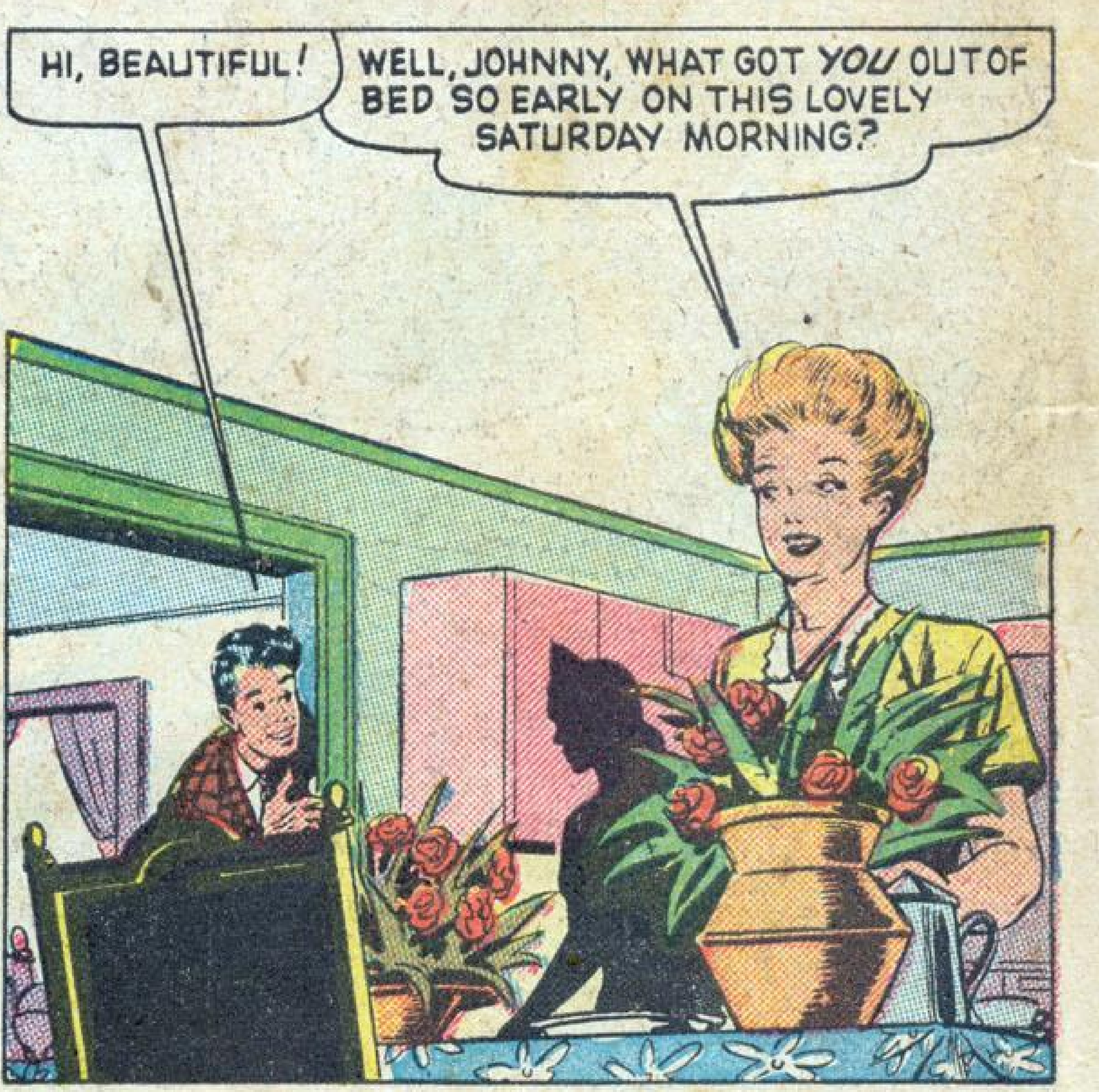

I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING! SOMETHING SO *PERFECT* THAT THEY'LL *NEVER* SUSPECT ME! SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE ME *THE PERFECT ALIBI!*
YES, IN THIS GRACIOUS HOUSE, INSIDE THE MIND OF THIS CULTURED MAN, CRIME IS BEING PLANNED!

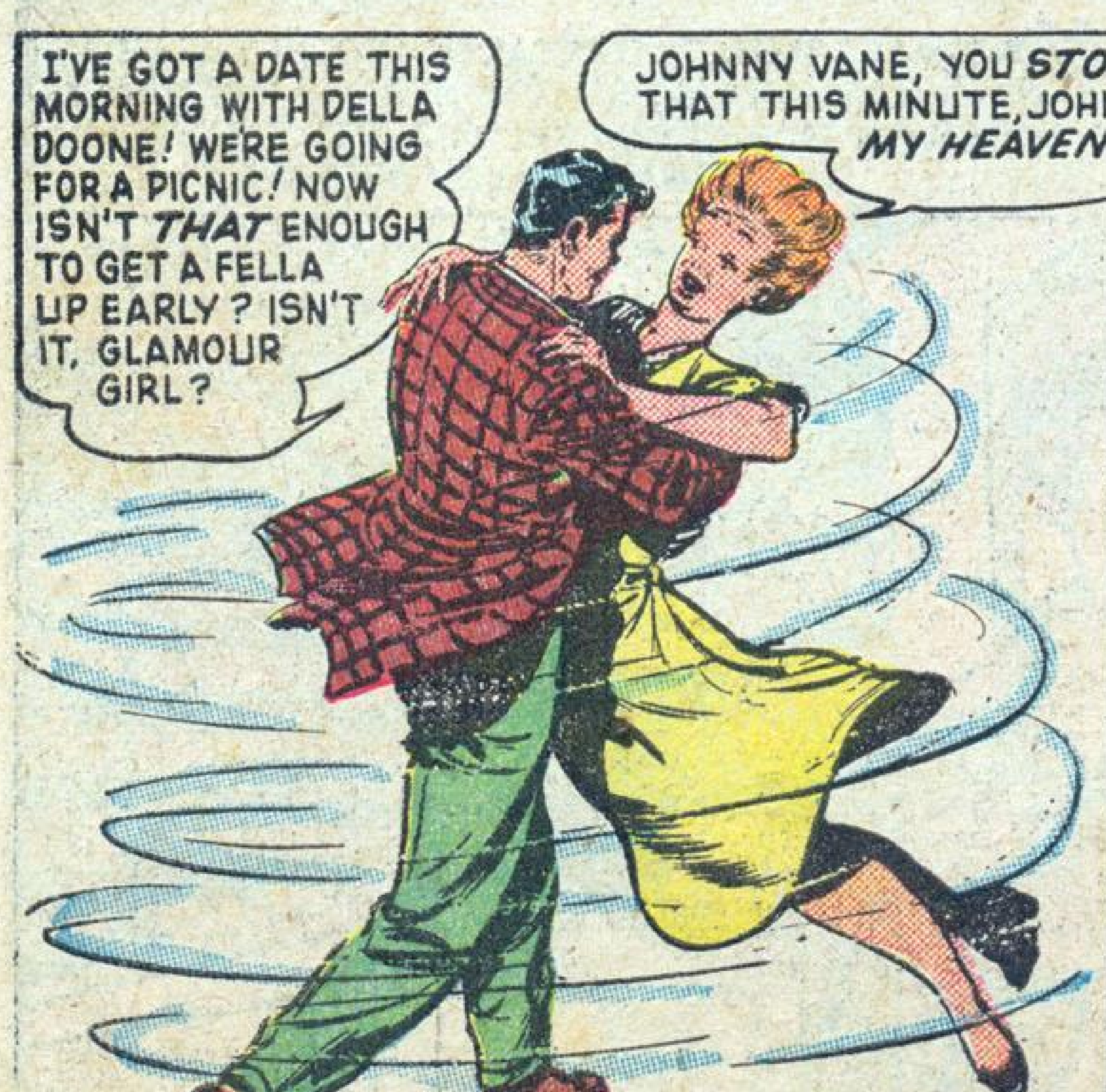

IT WILL BE! IT *MUST* BE THE PERFECT CRIME AND I *CAN* DO IT-- ALL I NEED IS TIME AND THOUGHT!
"THE PERFECT CRIME!" WHAT A FUTILE GOAL--AND WHAT A FOUNDATION FOR UNTOLD HEARTBREAK AND MISERY!

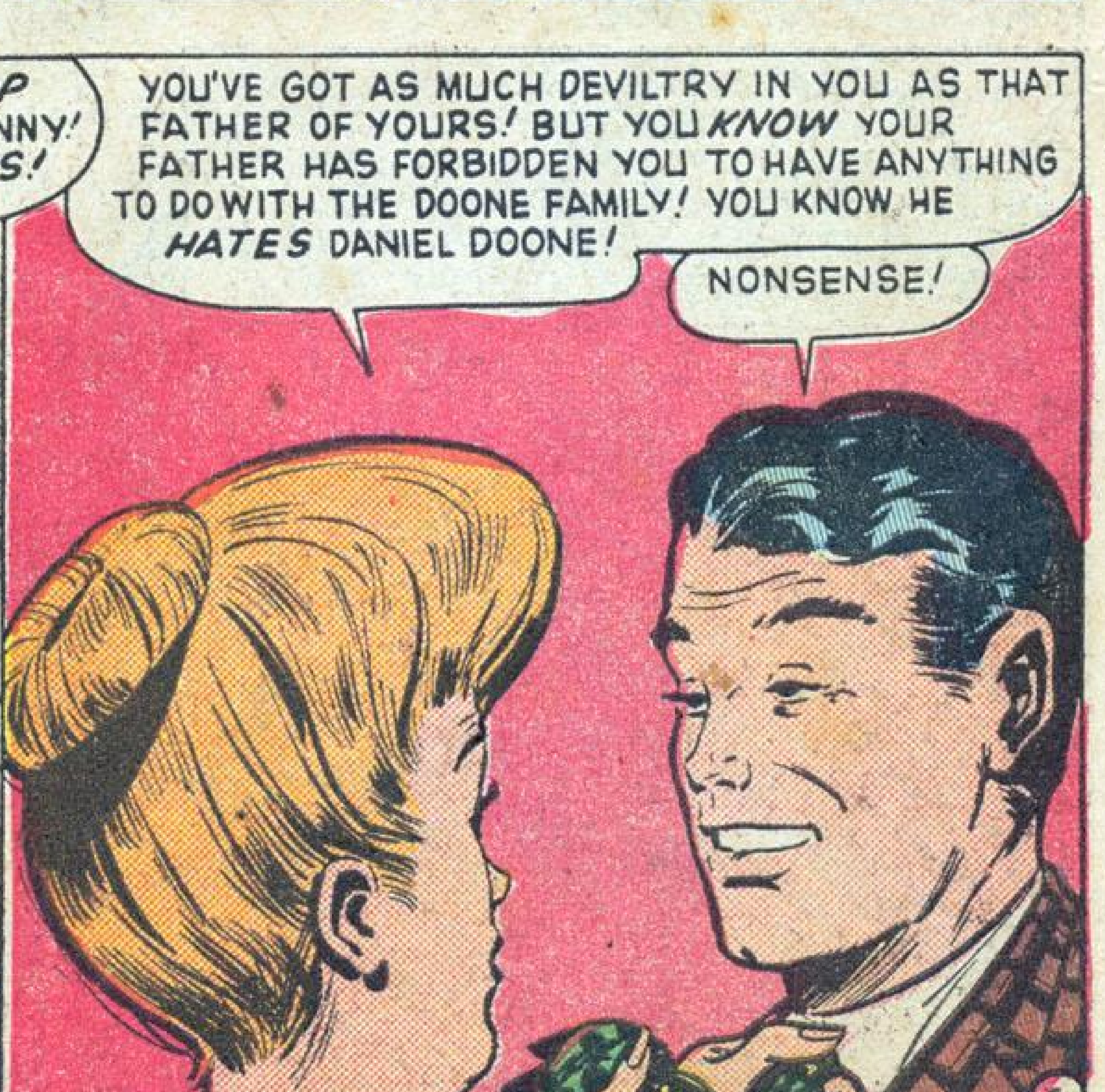

I NEED A CHANGE OF SCENE-AND TIME TO THINK! BUT I TAKE THIS OATH, NEVER WILL I REST *UNTIL I HAVE KILLED DANIEL DOONE!*
AND SO, AFTER AN ENTIRE EVENING OF BROODING AND PLANNING...

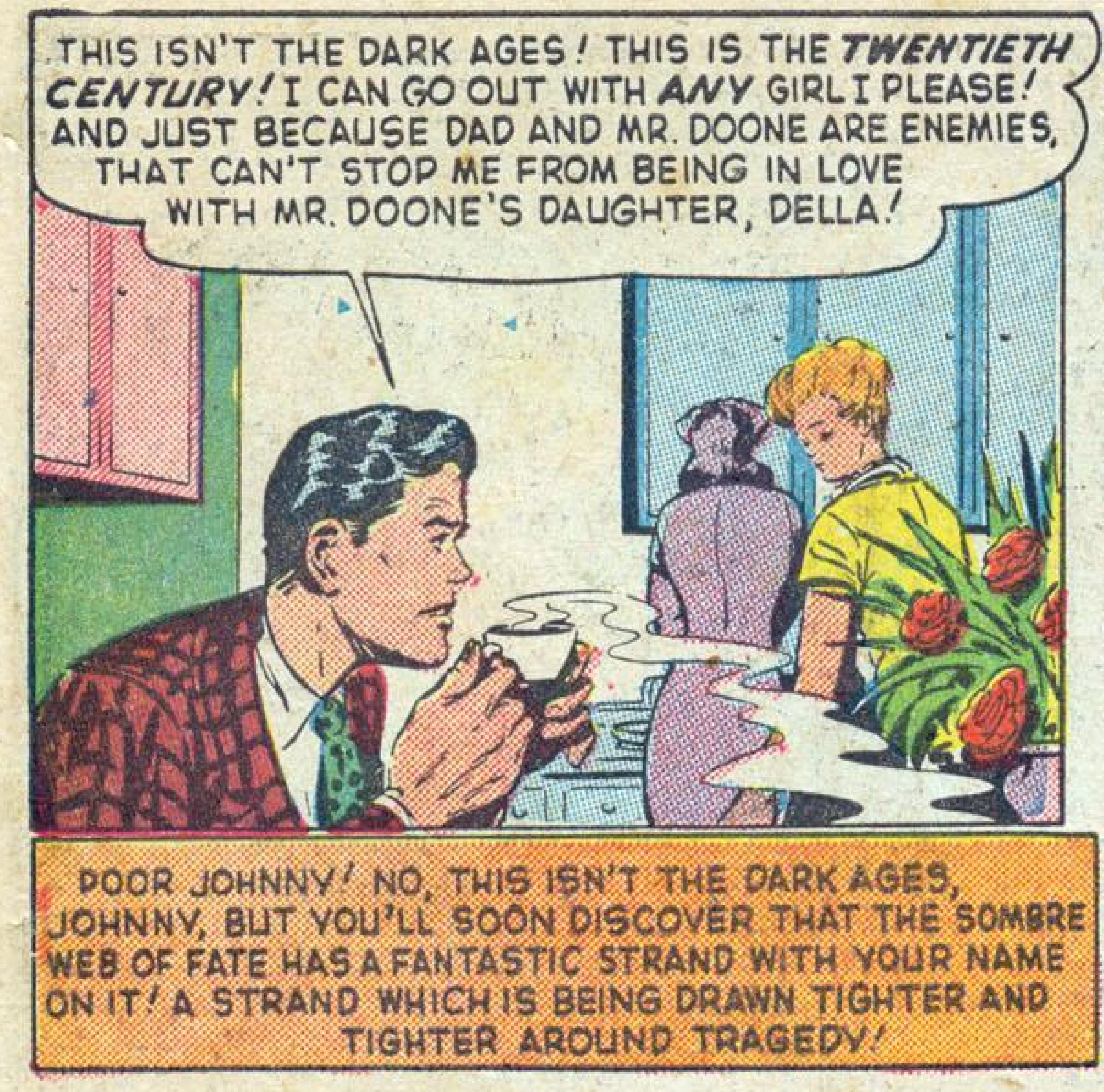
AND, BACK IN THE HOUSE, UNAWARE OF THE SHADOW OF DEEP TRAGEDY WHICH HANGS OVER HIM, JOHNNY VANE, WILLIAM VANE'S ONLY CHILD, DASHES MERRILY DOWNSTAIRS!

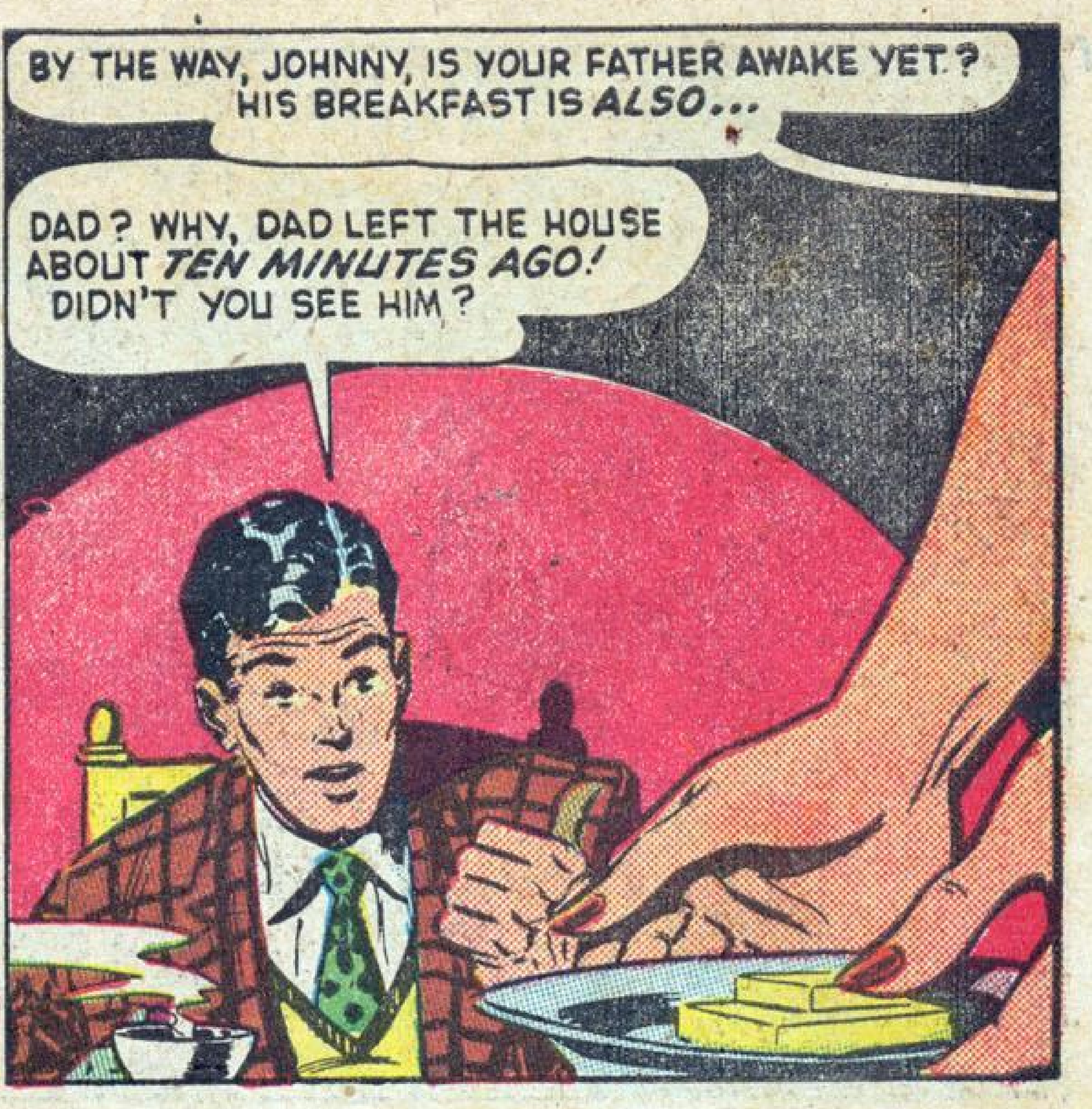

MOM, IS BREAKFAST READY YET? I'M SO HUNGRY I COULD EAT A HOUSE! PREFABRICATED, THAT IS!

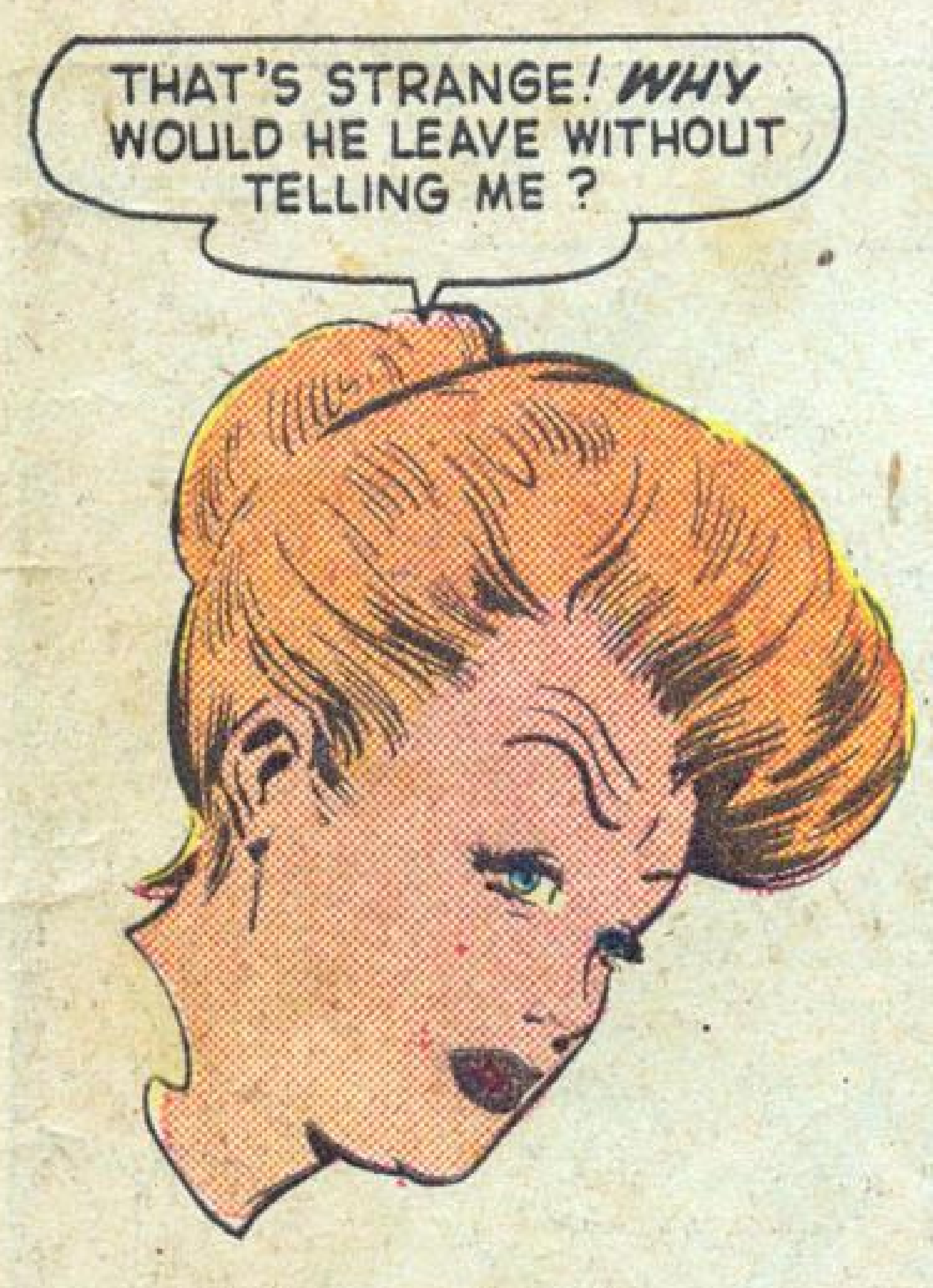

HI, BEAUTIFUL!
WELL, JOHNNY, WHAT GOT *YOU* OUT OF BED SO EARLY ON THIS LOVELY SATURDAY MORNING?

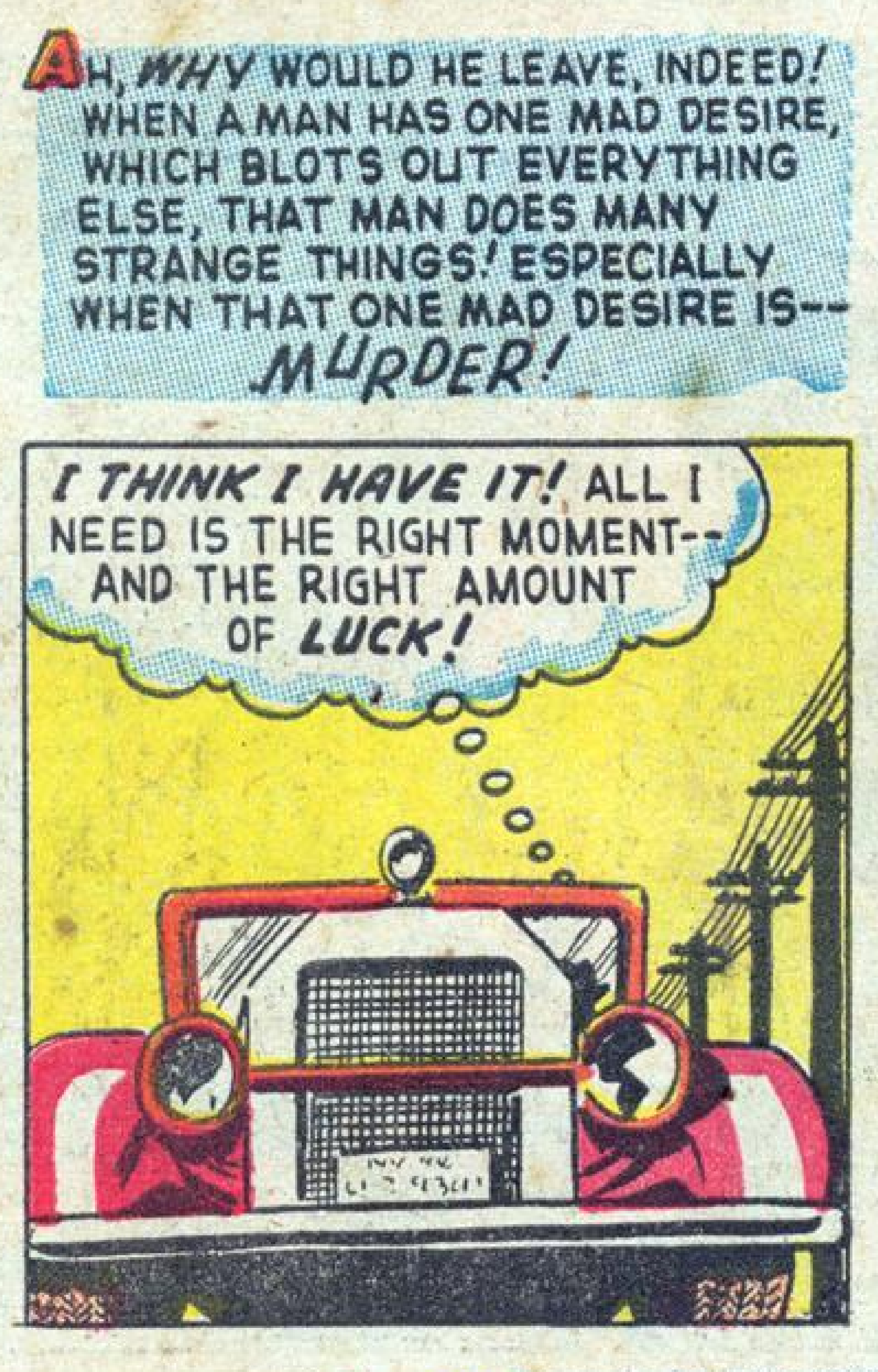

I'VE GOT A DATE THIS MORNING WITH DELLA DOONE! WE'RE GOING FOR A PICNIC! NOW ISN'T *THAT* ENOUGH TO GET A FELLA UP EARLY? ISN'T IT, GLAMOUR GIRL?
JOHNNY VANE, YOU *STOP* THAT THIS MINUTE, JOHNNY! *MY HEAVENS!*

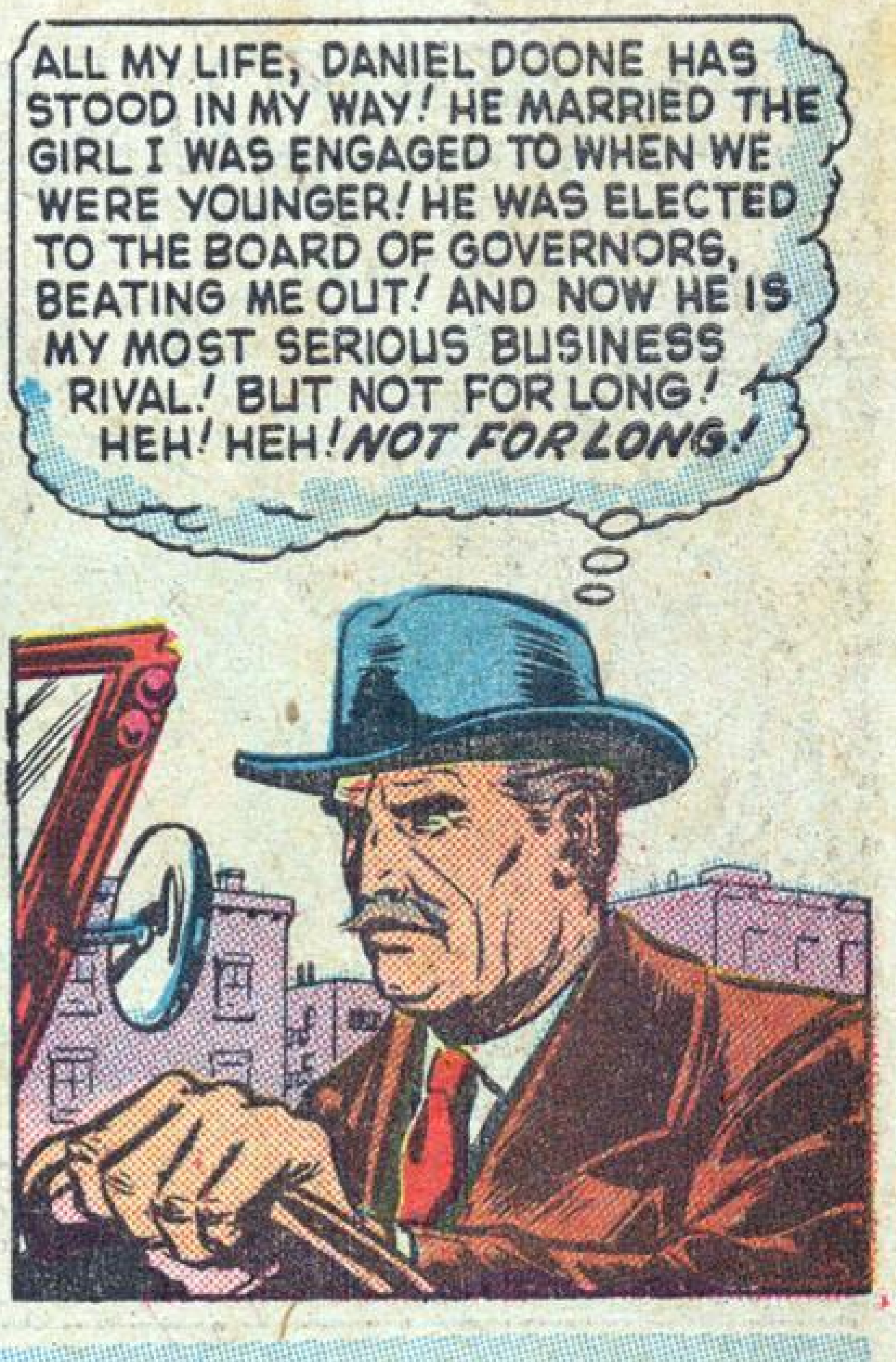

YOU'VE GOT AS MUCH DEVILTRY IN YOU AS THAT FATHER OF YOURS! BUT YOU *KNOW* YOUR FATHER HAS FORBIDDEN YOU TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE DOONE FAMILY! YOU KNOW HE *HATES* DANIEL DOONE!
NONSENSE!

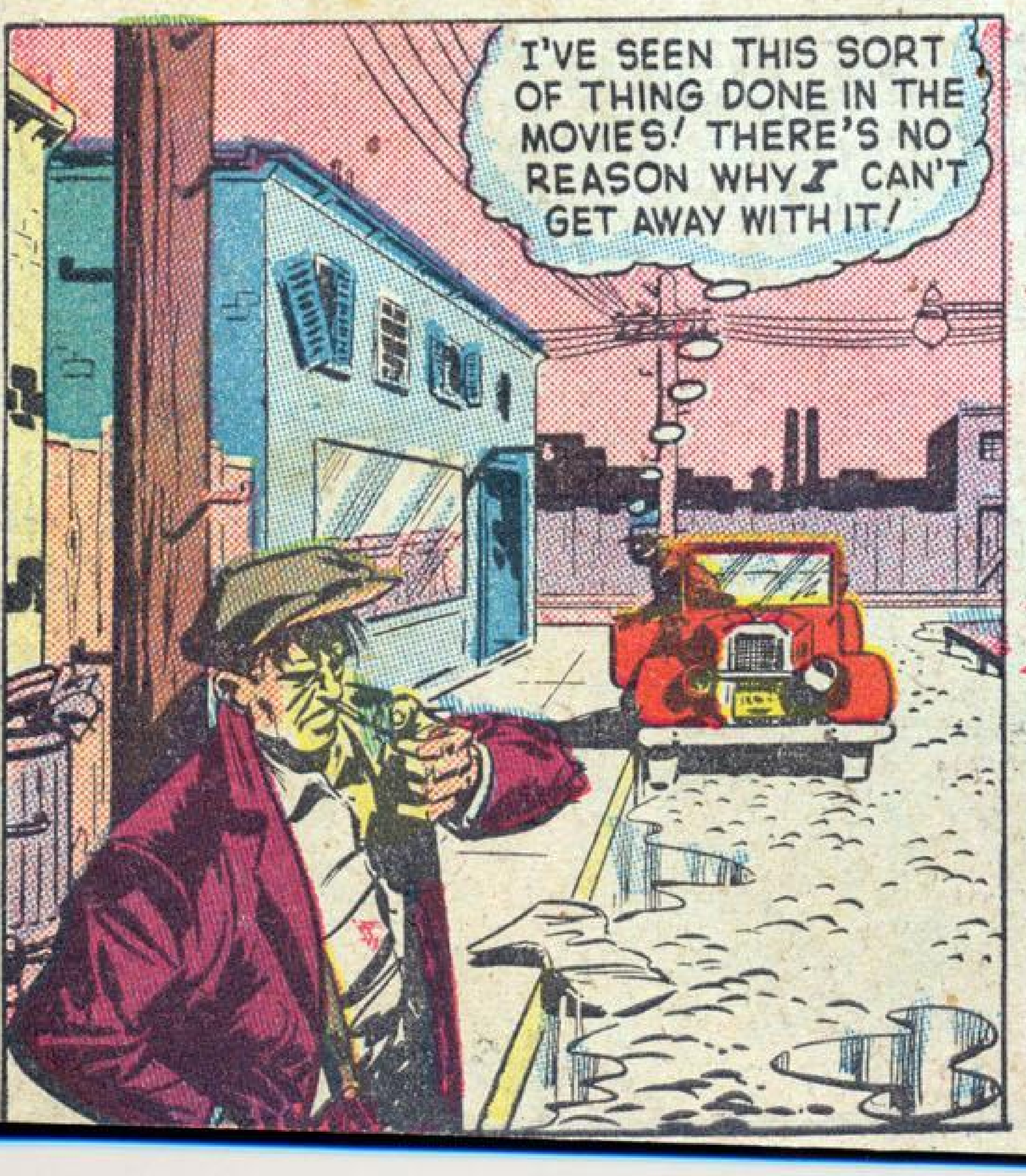

THIS ISN'T THE DARK AGES! THIS IS THE *TWENTIETH CENTURY*! I CAN GO OUT WITH *ANY* GIRL I PLEASE! AND JUST BECAUSE DAD AND MR. DOONE ARE ENEMIES, THAT CAN'T STOP ME FROM BEING IN LOVE WITH MR. DOONE'S DAUGHTER, DELLA!
POOR JOHNNY! NO, THIS ISN'T THE DARK AGES, JOHNNY, BUT YOU'LL SOON DISCOVER THAT THE SOMBRE WEB OF FATE HAS A FANTASTIC STRAND WITH YOUR NAME ON IT! A STRAND WHICH IS BEING DRAWN TIGHTER AND TIGHTER AROUND TRAGEDY!

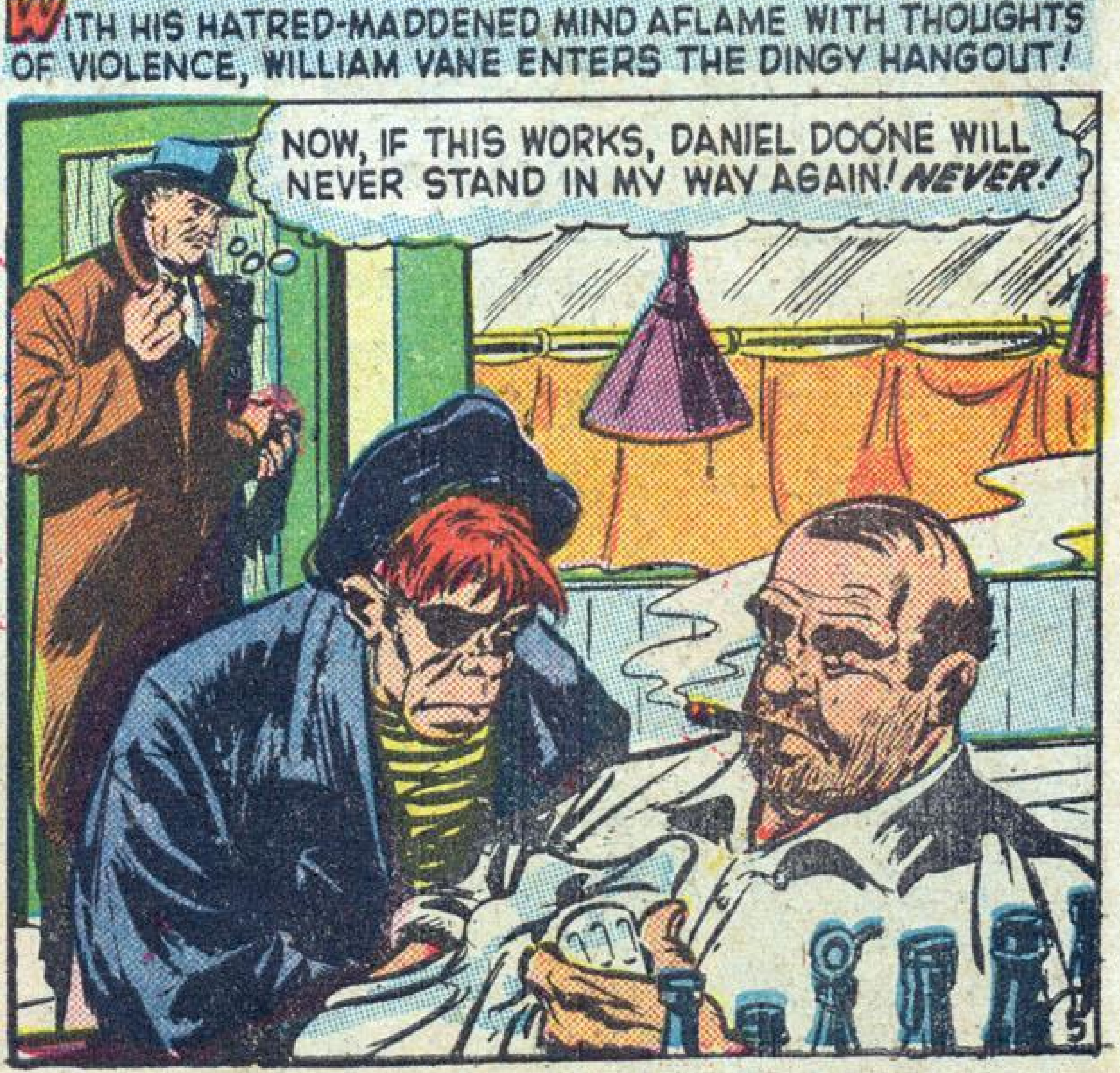

BY THE WAY, JOHNNY, IS YOUR FATHER AWAKE YET? HIS BREAKFAST IS *ALSO*...
DAD? WHY, DAD LEFT THE HOUSE ABOUT *TEN MINUTES AGO*! DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM?

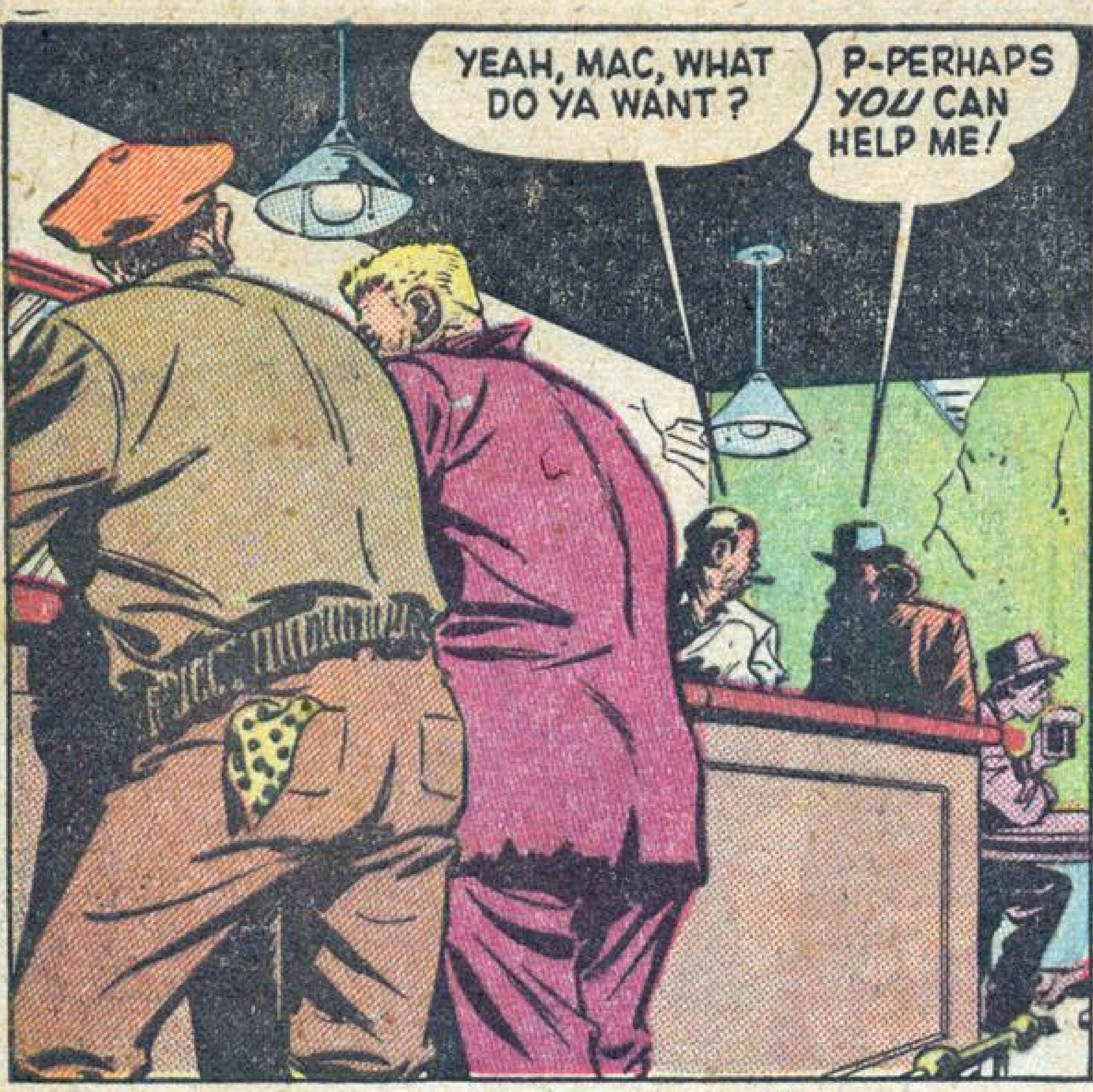

THAT'S STRANGE! *WHY* WOULD HE LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME?

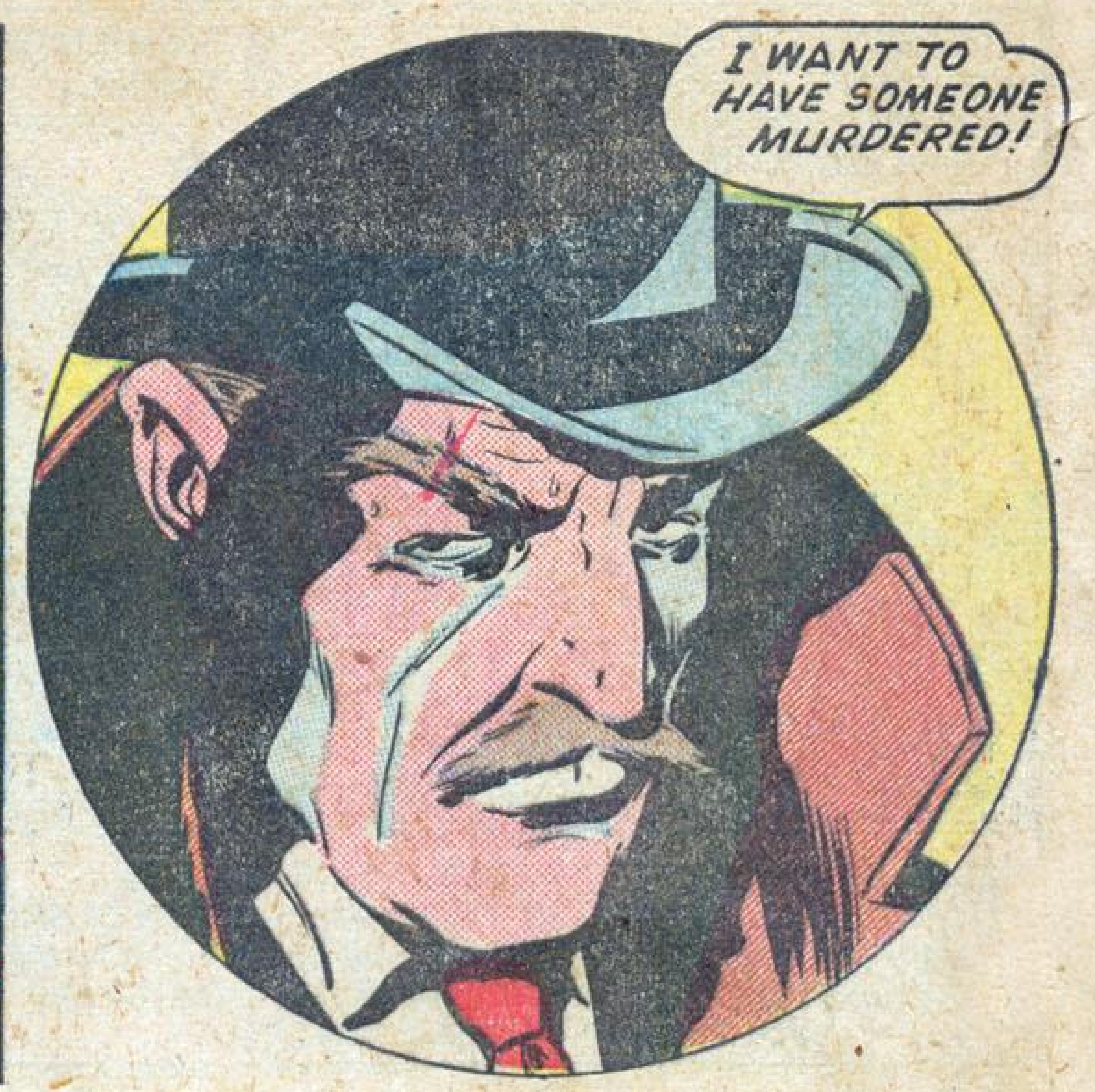

AH, *WHY* WOULD HE LEAVE, INDEED! WHEN A MAN HAS ONE MAD DESIRE, WHICH BLOTS OUT EVERYTHING ELSE, THAT MAN *DOES* MANY STRANGE THINGS! ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT ONE MAD DESIRE IS-- *MURDER*!
I THINK I HAVE IT! ALL I NEED IS THE RIGHT MOMENT-- AND THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF *LUCK*!


ALL MY LIFE, DANIEL DOONE HAS STOOD IN MY WAY! HE MARRIED THE GIRL I WAS ENGAGED TO WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER! HE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, BEATING ME OUT! AND NOW HE IS MY MOST SERIOUS BUSINESS RIVAL! BUT NOT FOR LONG! HEH! HEH! *NOT FOR LONG!*


I'VE SEEN THIS SORT OF THING DONE IN THE MOVIES! THERE'S NO REASON WHY *I* CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!


WITH HIS HATRED-MADDENED MIND AFLAME WITH THOUGHTS OF VIOLENCE, WILLIAM VANE ENTERS THE DINGY HANGOUT!
NOW, IF THIS WORKS, DANIEL DOONE WILL NEVER STAND IN MY WAY AGAIN! *NEVER!*


YEAH, MAC, WHAT DO YA WANT?
P-PERHAPS *YOU* CAN HELP ME!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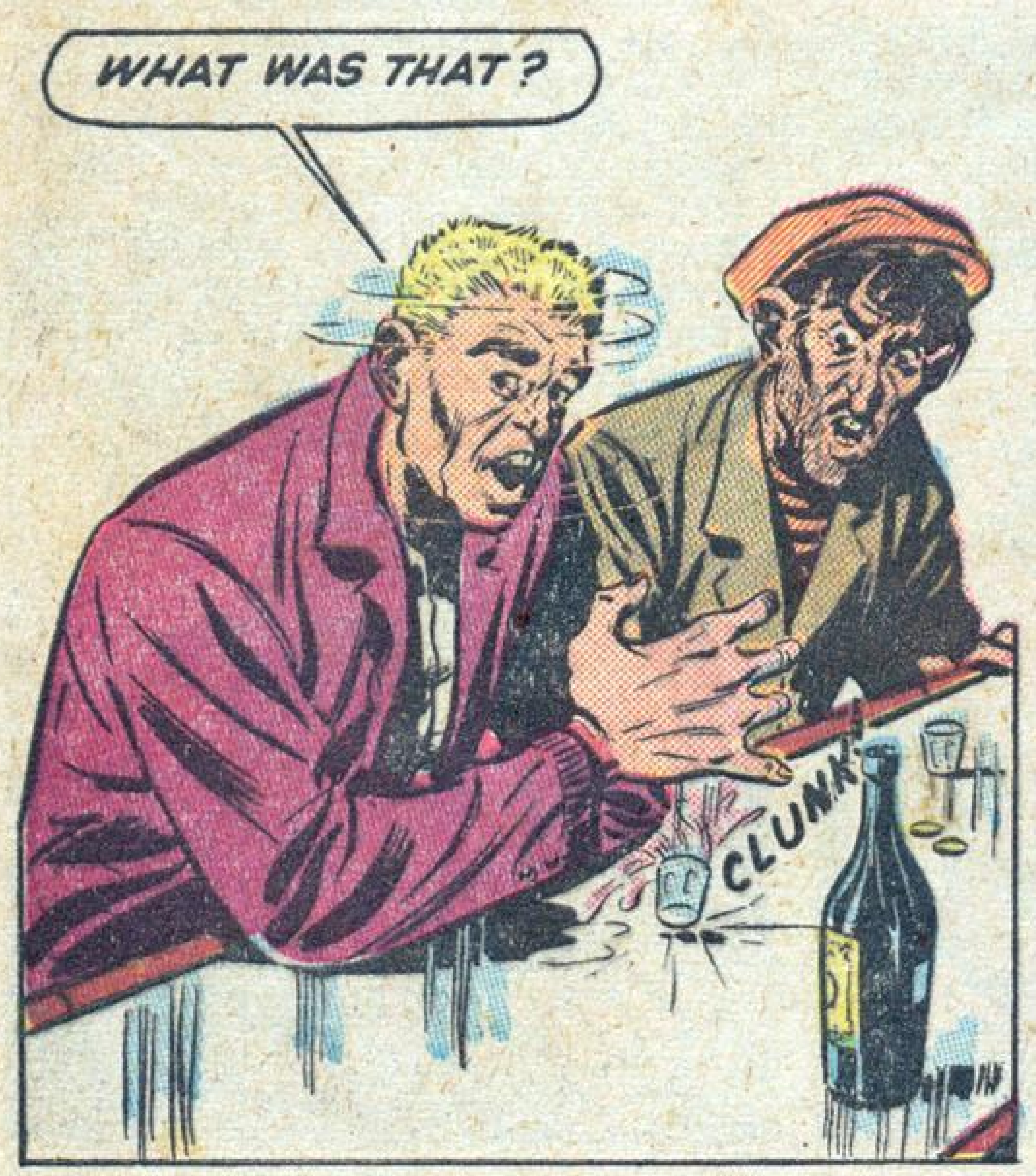
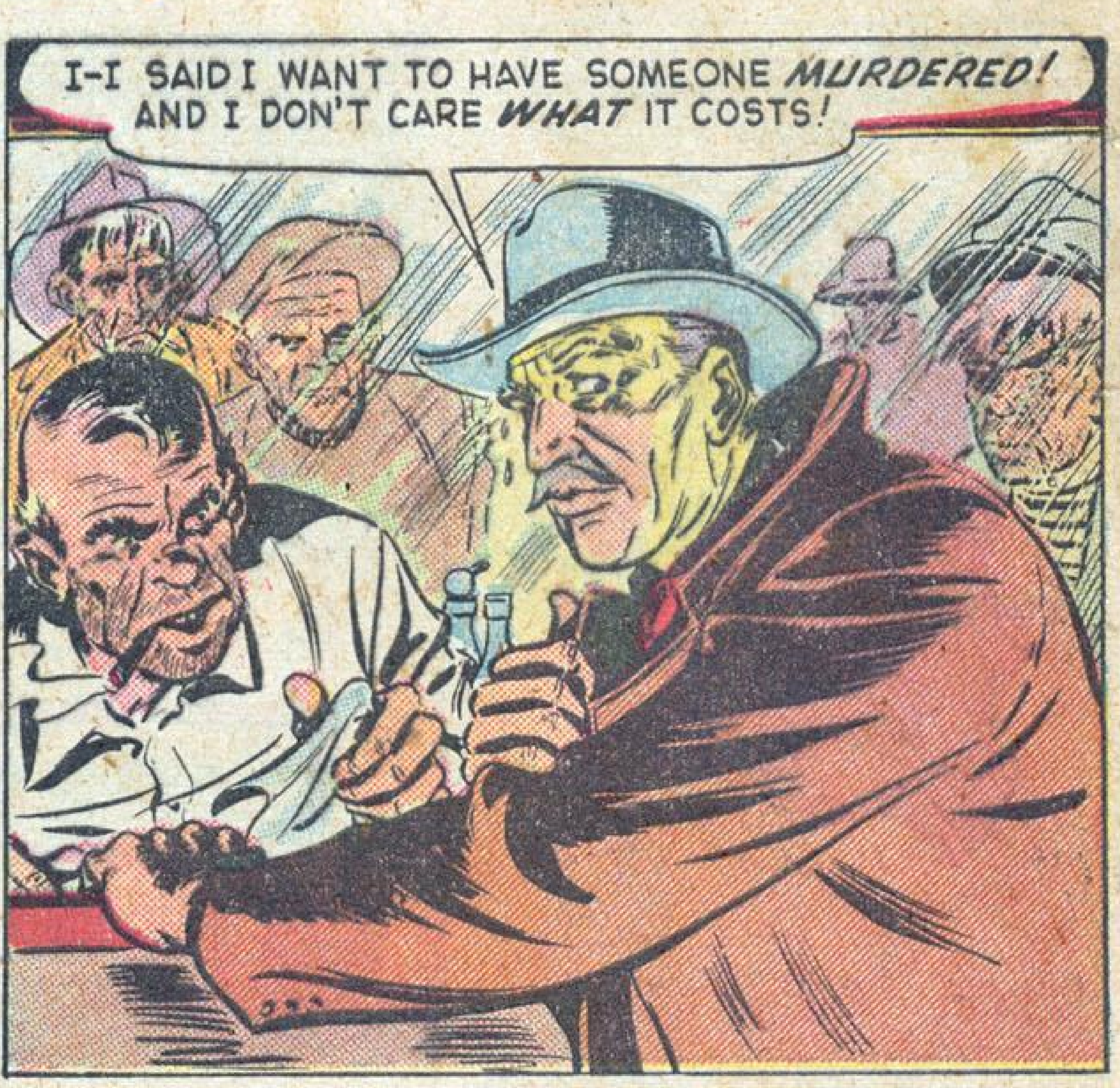
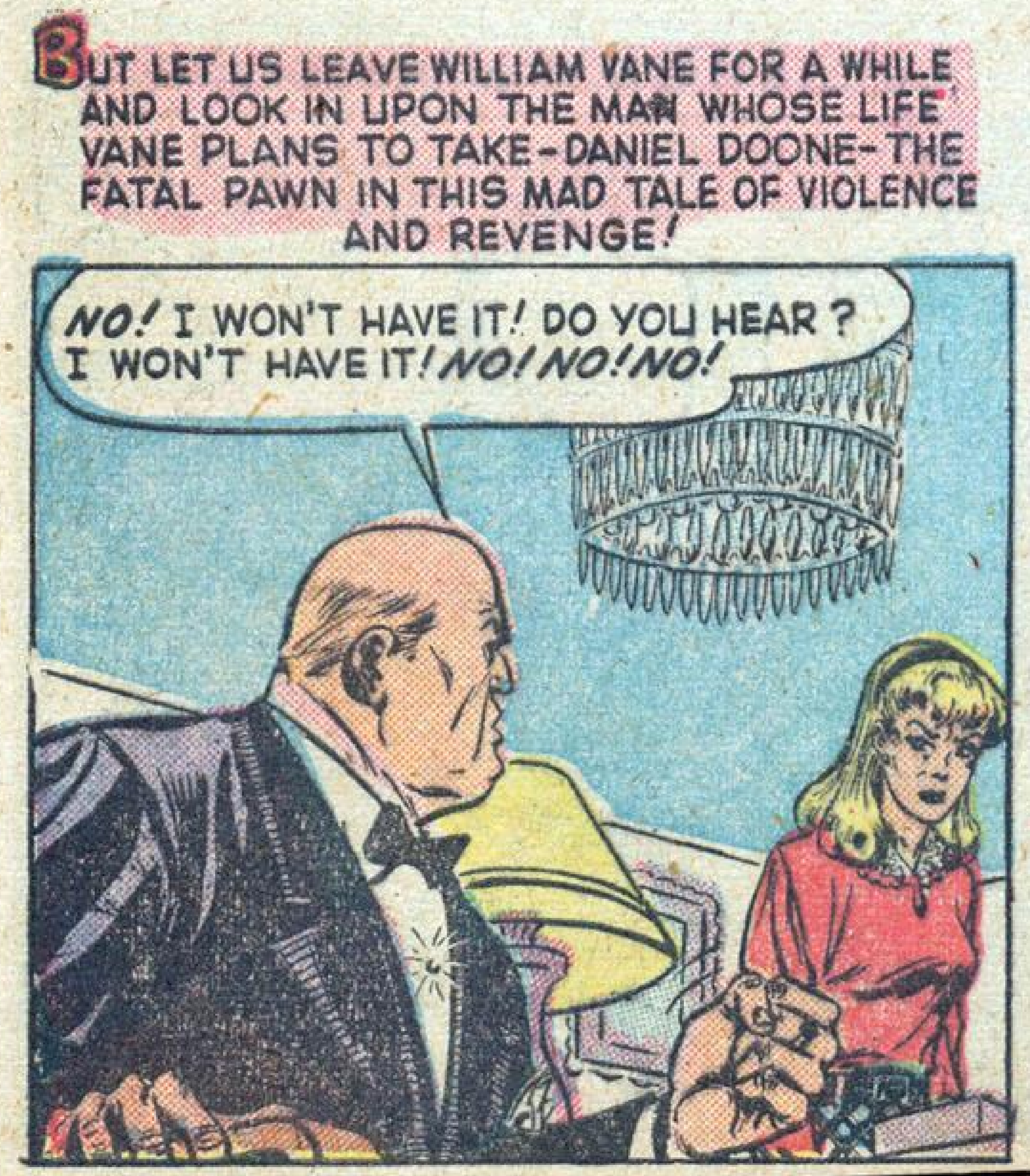
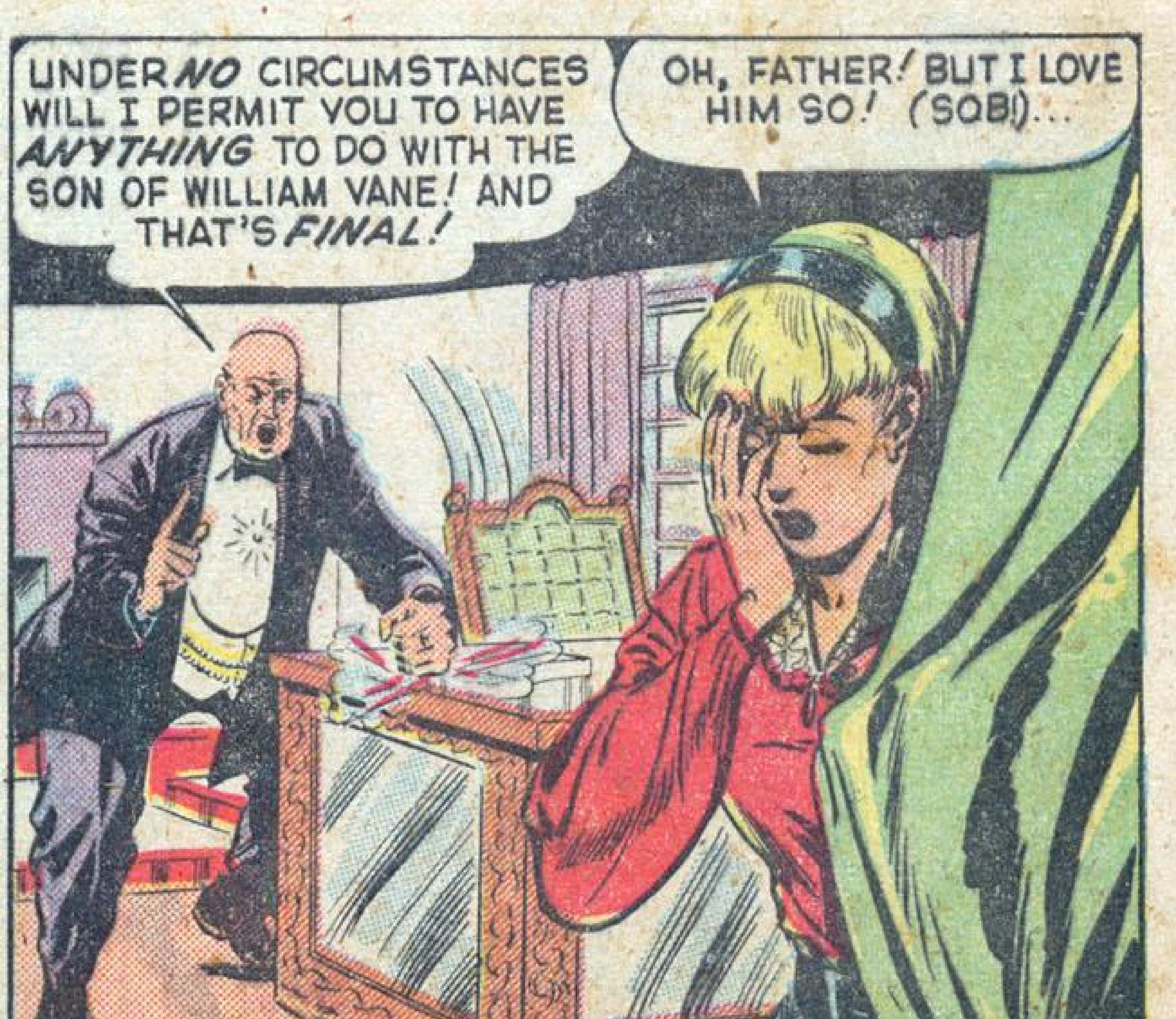
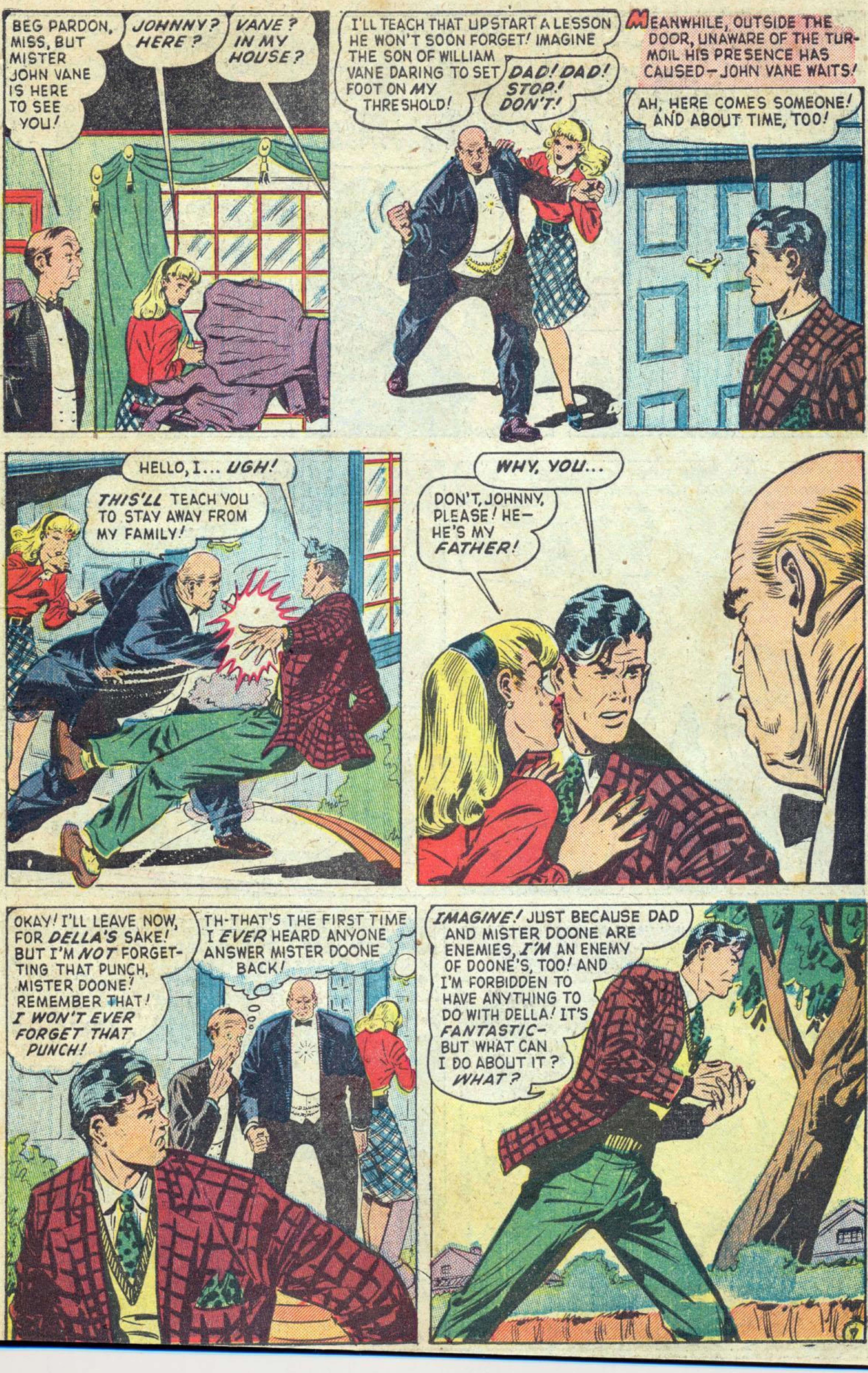
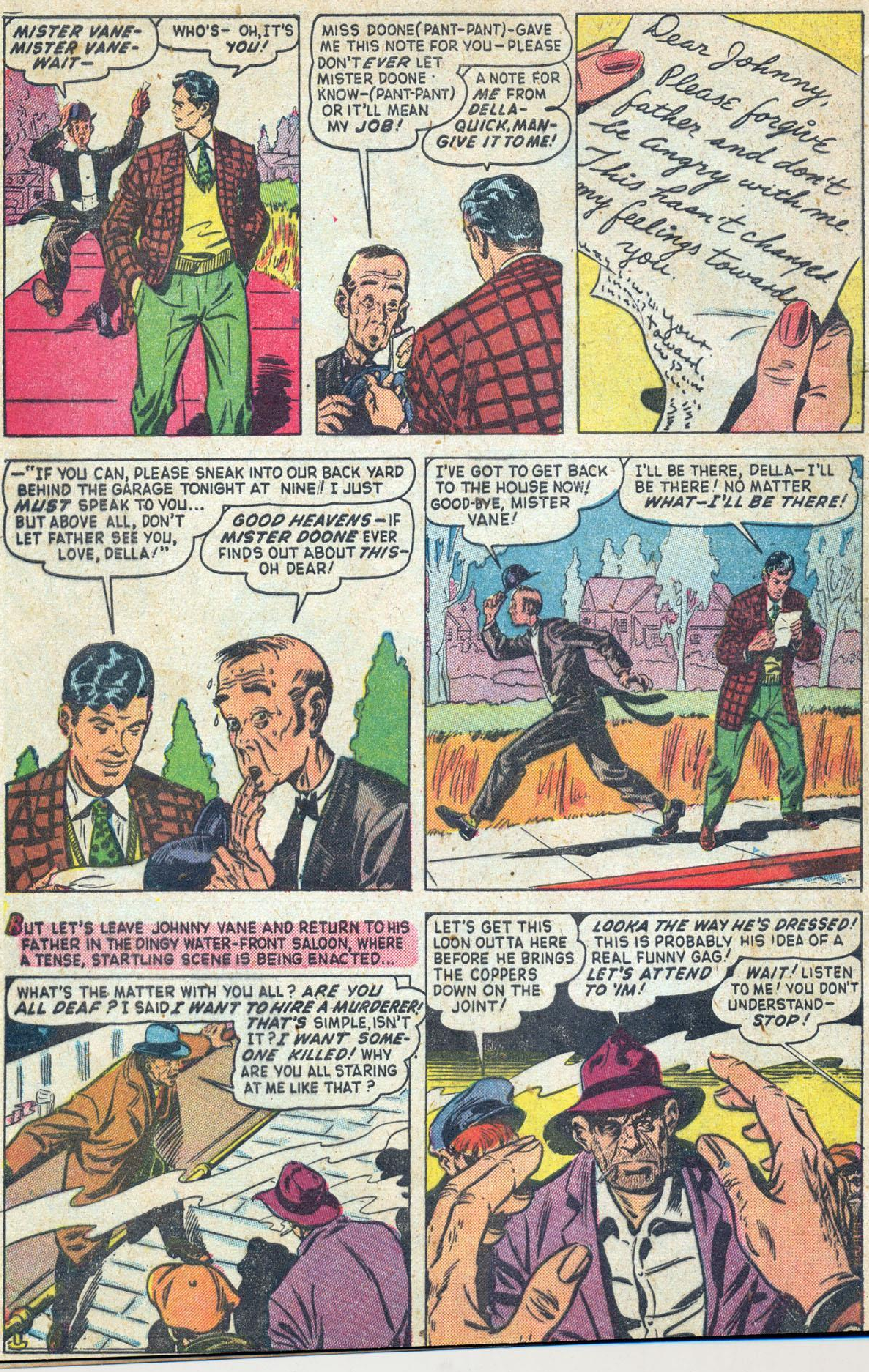

WHAT WAS THAT?
CLUNK

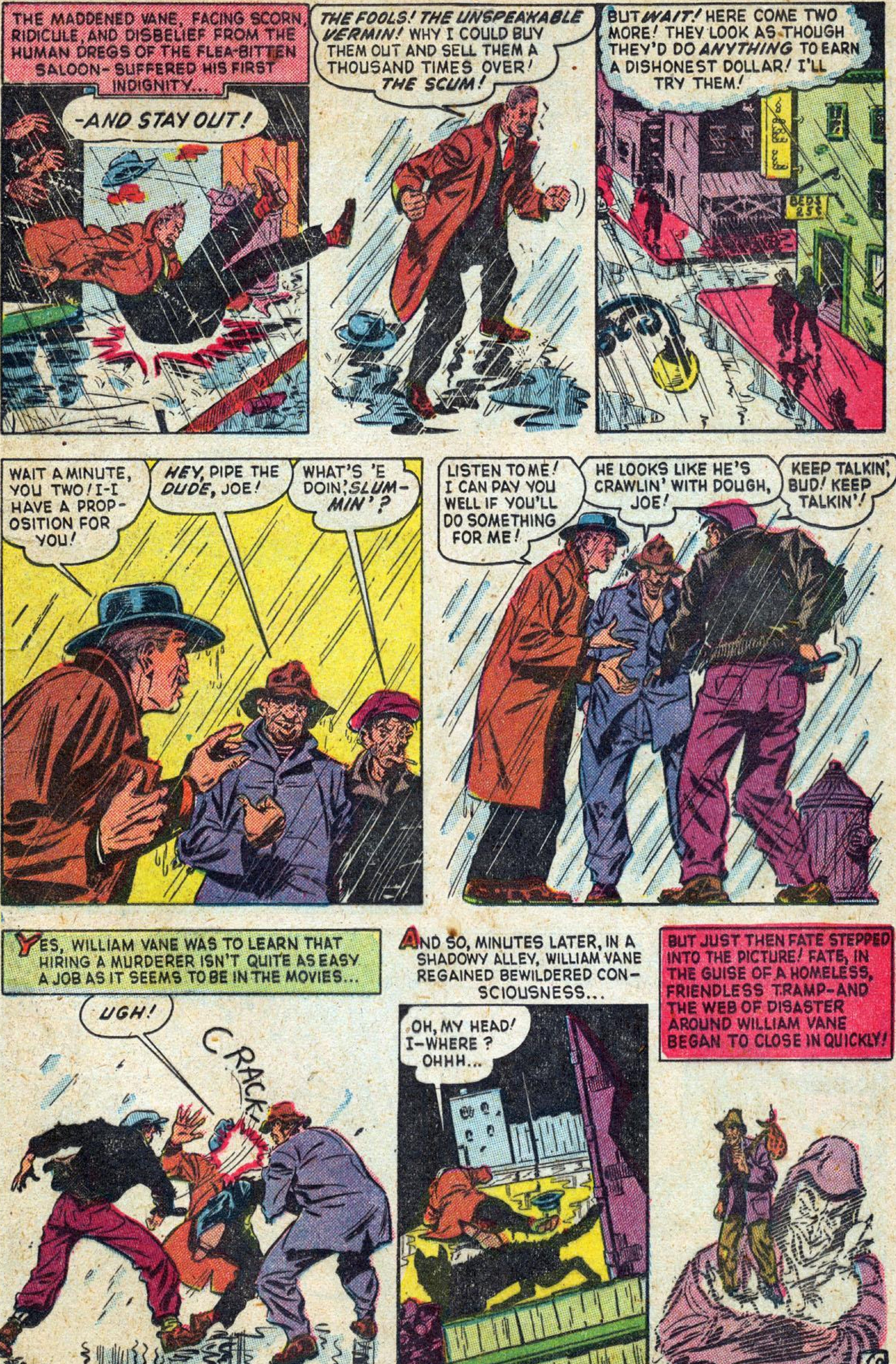

I-I SAID I WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE *MURDERED!* AND I DON'T CARE *WHAT* IT COSTS!

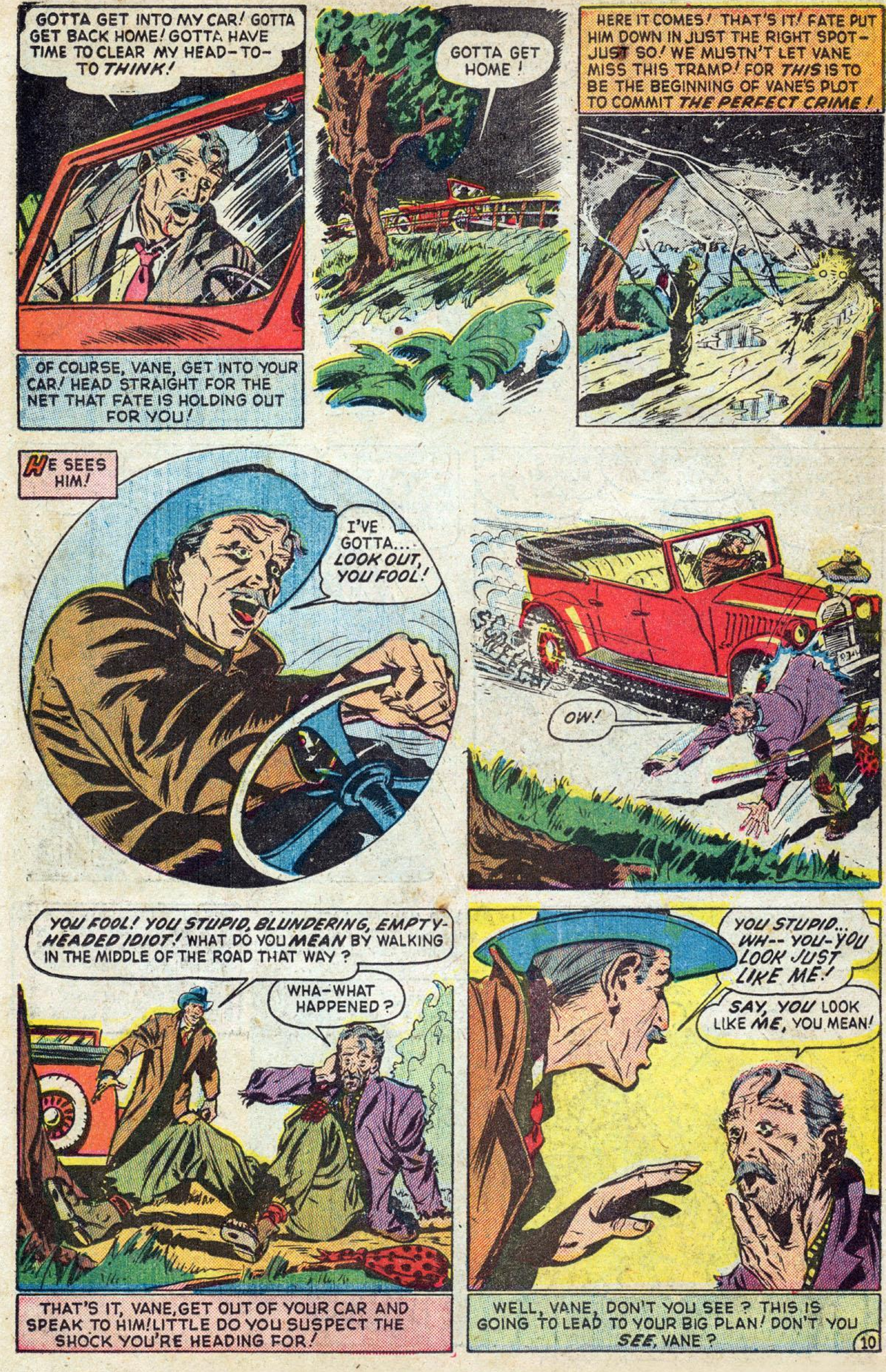

BUT LET US LEAVE WILLIAM VANE FOR A WHILE AND LOOK IN UPON THE MAN WHOSE LIFE VANE PLANS TO TAKE—DANIEL DOONE—THE FATAL PAWN IN THIS MAD TALE OF VIOLENCE AND REVENGE!
NO! I WON'T HAVE IT! DO YOU HEAR? I WON'T HAVE IT! *NO! NO! NO!*


UNDER *NO* CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I PERMIT YOU TO HAVE *ANYTHING* TO DO WITH THE SON OF WILLIAM VANE! AND THAT'S *FINAL!*
OH, FATHER! BUT I LOVE HIM SO! (SOB!)...


BEG PARDON, MISS, BUT MISTER JOHN VANE IS HERE TO SEE YOU!
JOHNNY? HERE?
VANE? IN MY HOUSE?
I'LL TEACH THAT UPSTART A LESSON HE WON'T SOON FORGET! IMAGINE THE SON OF WILLIAM VANE DARING TO SET FOOT ON MY THRESHOLD!
DAD! DAD! STOP! DON'T!
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE DOOR, UNAWARE OF THE TURMOIL HIS PRESENCE HAS CAUSED—JOHN VANE WAITS!
AH, HERE COMES SOMEONE! AND ABOUT TIME, TOO!
HELLO, I... UGH!
THIS'LL TEACH YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM MY FAMILY!
WHY, YOU...
DON'T, JOHNNY, PLEASE! HE—HE'S MY FATHER!
OKAY! I'LL LEAVE NOW, FOR DELLA'S SAKE! BUT I'M NOT FORGETTING THAT PUNCH, MISTER DOONE! REMEMBER THAT! I WON'T EVER FORGET THAT PUNCH!
TH-THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER HEARD ANYONE ANSWER MISTER DOONE BACK!
IMAGINE! JUST BECAUSE DAD AND MISTER DOONE ARE ENEMIES, I'M AN ENEMY OF DOONE'S, TOO! AND I'M FORBIDDEN TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DELLA! IT'S FANTASTIC—BUT WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT? WHAT?


MISTER VANE- MISTER VANE- WAIT-
WHO'S- OH, IT'S YOU!
MISS DOONE (PANT-PANT)-GAVE ME THIS NOTE FOR YOU-PLEASE DON'T EVER LET MISTER DOONE KNOW-(PANT-PANT) OR IT'LL MEAN MY JOB!
A NOTE FOR ME FROM DELLA- QUICK, MAN- GIVE IT TO ME!
Dear Johnny, Please forgive father and don't be angry with me. This hasn't changed my feelings towards you.
-"IF YOU CAN, PLEASE SNEAK INTO OUR BACK YARD BEHIND THE GARAGE TONIGHT AT NINE! I JUST MUST SPEAK TO YOU... BUT ABOVE ALL, DON'T LET FATHER SEE YOU, LOVE, DELLA!"
GOOD HEAVENS-IF MISTER DOONE EVER FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS- OH DEAR!
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE HOUSE NOW! GOOD-BYE, MISTER VANE!
I'LL BE THERE, DELLA-I'LL BE THERE! NO MATTER WHAT-I'LL BE THERE!
BUT LET'S LEAVE JOHNNY VANE AND RETURN TO HIS FATHER IN THE DINGY WATER-FRONT SALOON, WHERE A TENSE, STARTLING SCENE IS BEING ENACTED...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU ALL? ARE YOU ALL DEAF? I SAID I WANT TO HIRE A MURDERER! THAT'S SIMPLE, ISN'T IT? I WANT SOMEONE KILLED! WHY ARE YOU ALL STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?
LET'S GET THIS LOON OUTTA HERE BEFORE HE BRINGS THE COPPERS DOWN ON THE JOINT!
LOOKA THE WAY HE'S DRESSED! THIS IS PROBABLY HIS IDEA OF A REAL FUNNY GAG! LET'S ATTEND TO 'IM!
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND- STOP!


THE MADDENED VANE, FACING SCORN, RIDICULE, AND DISBELIEF FROM THE HUMAN DREGS OF THE FLEA-BITTEN SALOON- SUFFERED HIS FIRST INDIGNITY...
-AND STAY OUT!
THE FOOLS! THE UNSPEAKABLE VERMIN! WHY I COULD BUY THEM OUT AND SELL THEM A THOUSAND TIMES OVER! THE SCUM!
BUT WAIT! HERE COME TWO MORE! THEY LOOK AS THOUGH THEY'D DO ANYTHING TO EARN A DISHONEST DOLLAR! I'LL TRY THEM!
BEDS 25¢
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU TWO! I-I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU!
HEY, PIPE THE DUDE, JOE!
WHAT'S 'E DOIN', SLUMMIN'?
LISTEN TO ME! I CAN PAY YOU WELL IF YOU'LL DO SOMETHING FOR ME!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S CRAWLIN' WITH DOUGH, JOE!
KEEP TALKIN', BUD! KEEP TALKIN'!
YES, WILLIAM VANE WAS TO LEARN THAT HIRING A MURDERER ISN'T QUITE AS EASY A JOB AS IT SEEMS TO BE IN THE MOVIES...
UGH!
CRACK!
AND SO, MINUTES LATER, IN A SHADOWY ALLEY, WILLIAM VANE REGAINED BEWILDERED CONSCIOUSNESS...
OH, MY HEAD! I-WHERE? OHHH...
BUT JUST THEN FATE STEPPED INTO THE PICTURE! FATE, IN THE GUISE OF A HOMELESS, FRIENDLESS TRAMP-AND THE WEB OF DISASTER AROUND WILLIAM VANE BEGAN TO CLOSE IN QUICKLY!


GOTTA GET INTO MY CAR! GOTTA GET BACK HOME! GOTTA HAVE TIME TO CLEAR MY HEAD—TO—TO *THINK!*
OF COURSE, VANE, GET INTO YOUR CAR! HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE NET THAT FATE IS HOLDING OUT FOR YOU!
GOTTA GET HOME!
HERE IT COMES! THAT'S IT! FATE PUT HIM DOWN IN JUST THE RIGHT SPOT—JUST SO! WE MUSTN'T LET VANE MISS THIS TRAMP! FOR *THIS* IS TO BE THE BEGINNING OF VANE'S PLOT TO COMMIT *THE PERFECT CRIME!*
HE SEES HIM!
I'VE GOTTA... *LOOK OUT, YOU FOOL!*
SCREECH
OW!
YOU FOOL! YOU STUPID, BLUNDERING, EMPTY-HEADED IDIOT! WHAT DO YOU *MEAN* BY WALKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD THAT WAY?
WHA-WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT'S IT, VANE, GET OUT OF YOUR CAR AND SPEAK TO HIM! LITTLE DO YOU SUSPECT THE SHOCK YOU'RE HEADING FOR!
YOU STUPID... WH-- YOU-YOU LOOK JUST LIKE ME!
SAY, YOU LOOK LIKE *ME*, YOU MEAN!
WELL, VANE, DON'T YOU SEE? THIS IS GOING TO LEAD TO YOUR BIG PLAN! DON'T YOU *SEE*, VANE?
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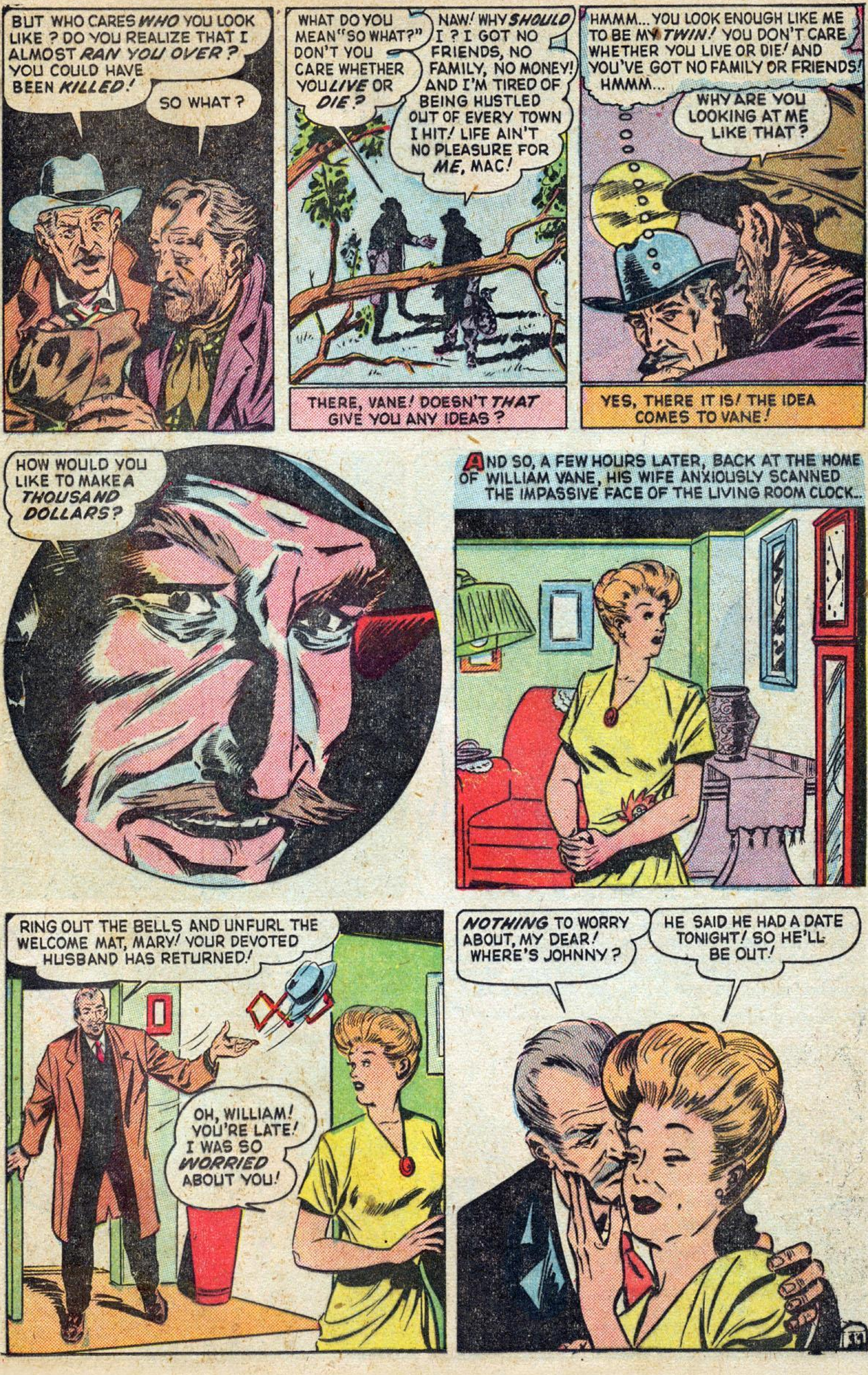
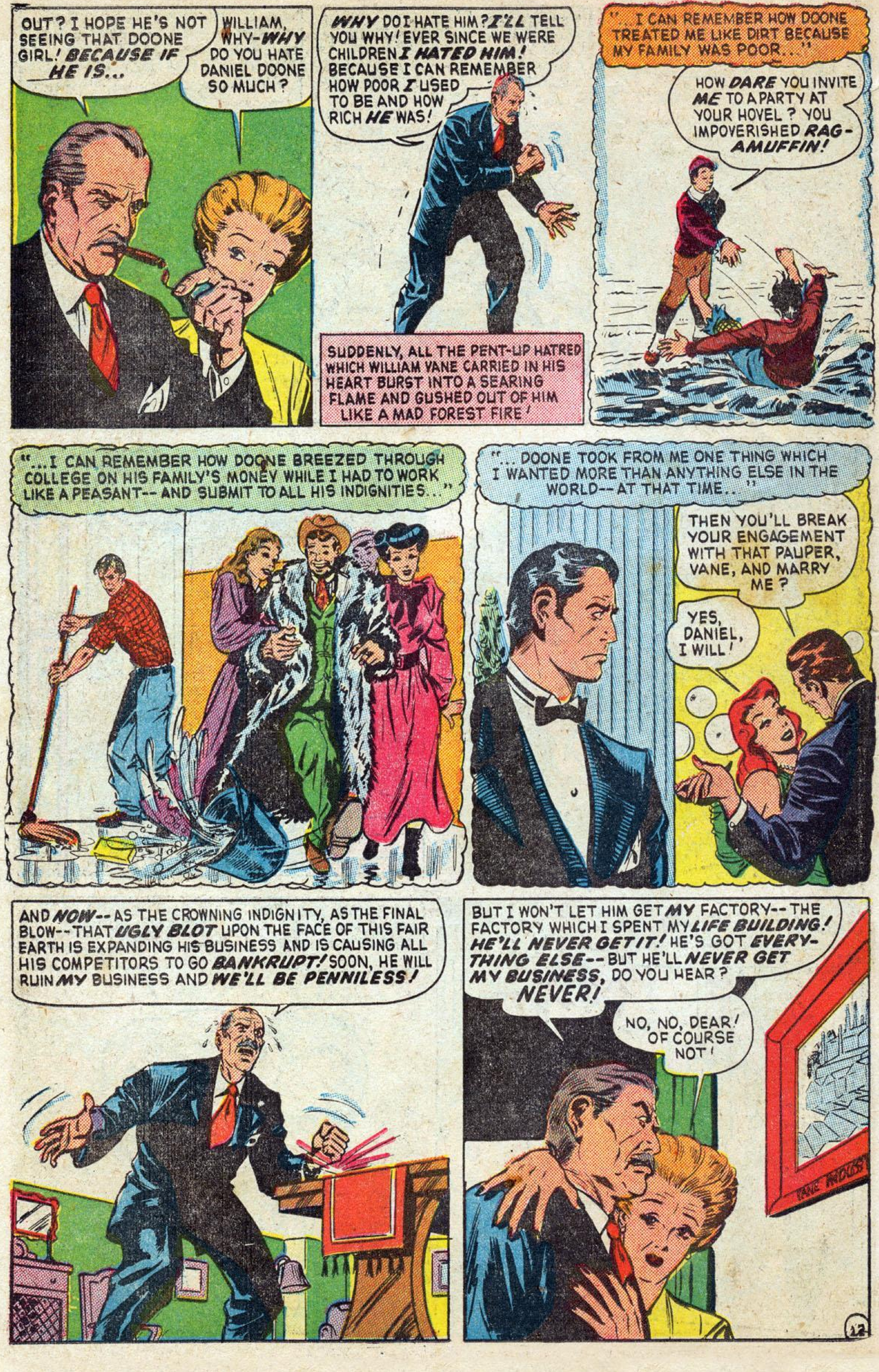
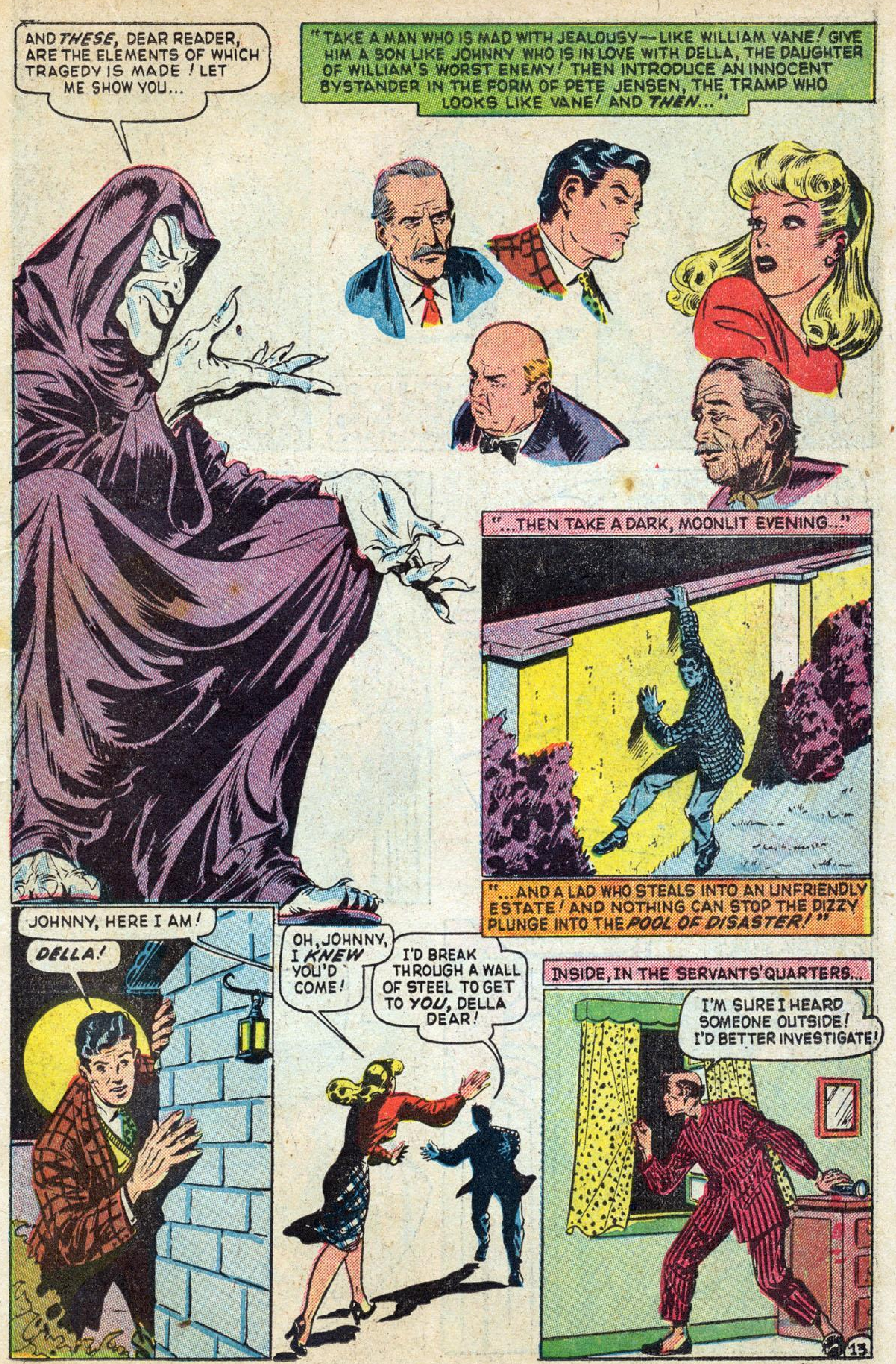

BUT WHO CARES *WHO* YOU LOOK LIKE ? DO YOU REALIZE THAT I ALMOST *RAN YOU OVER* ? YOU COULD HAVE BEEN *KILLED!*
SO WHAT ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SO WHAT?" DON'T YOU CARE WHETHER YOU *LIVE* OR *DIE?*
NAW! WHY *SHOULD* I ? I GOT NO FRIENDS, NO FAMILY, NO MONEY! AND I'M TIRED OF BEING HUSTLED OUT OF EVERY TOWN I HIT! LIFE AIN'T NO PLEASURE FOR *ME*, MAC!
THERE, VANE! DOESN'T *THAT* GIVE YOU ANY IDEAS ?
HMMM... YOU LOOK ENOUGH LIKE ME TO BE MY *TWIN!* YOU DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE! AND YOU'VE GOT NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS! HMMM...
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT ?
YES, THERE IT IS! THE IDEA COMES TO VANE!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A *THOUSAND DOLLARS?*
AND SO, A FEW HOURS LATER, BACK AT THE HOME OF WILLIAM VANE, HIS WIFE ANXIOUSLY SCANNED THE IMPASSIVE FACE OF THE LIVING ROOM CLOCK..
RING OUT THE BELLS AND UNFURL THE WELCOME MAT, MARY! YOUR DEVOTED HUSBAND HAS RETURNED!
OH, WILLIAM! YOU'RE LATE! I WAS SO *WORRIED* ABOUT YOU!
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, MY DEAR! WHERE'S JOHNNY ?
HE SAID HE HAD A DATE TONIGHT! SO HE'LL BE OUT!

OUT? I HOPE HE'S NOT SEEING THAT DOONE GIRL! BECAUSE IF HE IS...
WILLIAM, WHY-WHY DO YOU HATE DANIEL DOONE SO MUCH?
WHY DO I HATE HIM? I'LL TELL YOU WHY! EVER SINCE WE WERE CHILDREN I HATED HIM! BECAUSE I CAN REMEMBER HOW POOR I USED TO BE AND HOW RICH HE WAS!
SUDDENLY, ALL THE PENT-UP HATRED WHICH WILLIAM VANE CARRIED IN HIS HEART BURST INTO A SEARING FLAME AND GUSHED OUT OF HIM LIKE A MAD FOREST FIRE!
"...I CAN REMEMBER HOW DOONE TREATED ME LIKE DIRT BECAUSE MY FAMILY WAS POOR..."
HOW DARE YOU INVITE ME TO A PARTY AT YOUR HOVEL? YOU IMPOVERISHED RAGAMUFFIN!
"...I CAN REMEMBER HOW DOONE BREEZED THROUGH COLLEGE ON HIS FAMILY'S MONEY WHILE I HAD TO WORK LIKE A PEASANT-- AND SUBMIT TO ALL HIS INDIGNITIES..."
"...DOONE TOOK FROM ME ONE THING WHICH I WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD--AT THAT TIME.."
THEN YOU'LL BREAK YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THAT PAUPER, VANE, AND MARRY ME?
YES, DANIEL, I WILL!
AND NOW--AS THE CROWNING INDIGNITY, AS THE FINAL BLOW--THAT UGLY BLOT UPON THE FACE OF THIS FAIR EARTH IS EXPANDING HIS BUSINESS AND IS CAUSING ALL HIS COMPETITORS TO GO BANKRUPT! SOON, HE WILL RUIN MY BUSINESS AND WE'LL BE PENNILESS!
BUT I WON'T LET HIM GET MY FACTORY-- THE FACTORY WHICH I SPENT MY LIFE BUILDING! HE'LL NEVER GET IT! HE'S GOT EVERYTHING ELSE-- BUT HE'LL NEVER GET MY BUSINESS, DO YOU HEAR? NEVER!
NO, NO, DEAR! OF COURSE NOT!


AND THESE, DEAR READER, ARE THE ELEMENTS OF WHICH TRAGEDY IS MADE! LET ME SHOW YOU...
"TAKE A MAN WHO IS MAD WITH JEALOUSY-- LIKE WILLIAM VANE! GIVE HIM A SON LIKE JOHNNY WHO IS IN LOVE WITH DELLA, THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM'S WORST ENEMY! THEN INTRODUCE AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER IN THE FORM OF PETE JENSEN, THE TRAMP WHO LOOKS LIKE VANE! AND THEN..."
"...THEN TAKE A DARK, MOONLIT EVENING..."
"...AND A LAD WHO STEALS INTO AN UNFRIENDLY ESTATE! AND NOTHING CAN STOP THE DIZZY PLUNGE INTO THE POOL OF DISASTER!"
JOHNNY, HERE I AM!
DELLA!
OH, JOHNNY, I KNEW YOU'D COME!
I'D BREAK THROUGH A WALL OF STEEL TO GET TO YOU, DELLA DEAR!
INSIDE, IN THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS...
I'M SURE I HEARD SOMEONE OUTSIDE! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!
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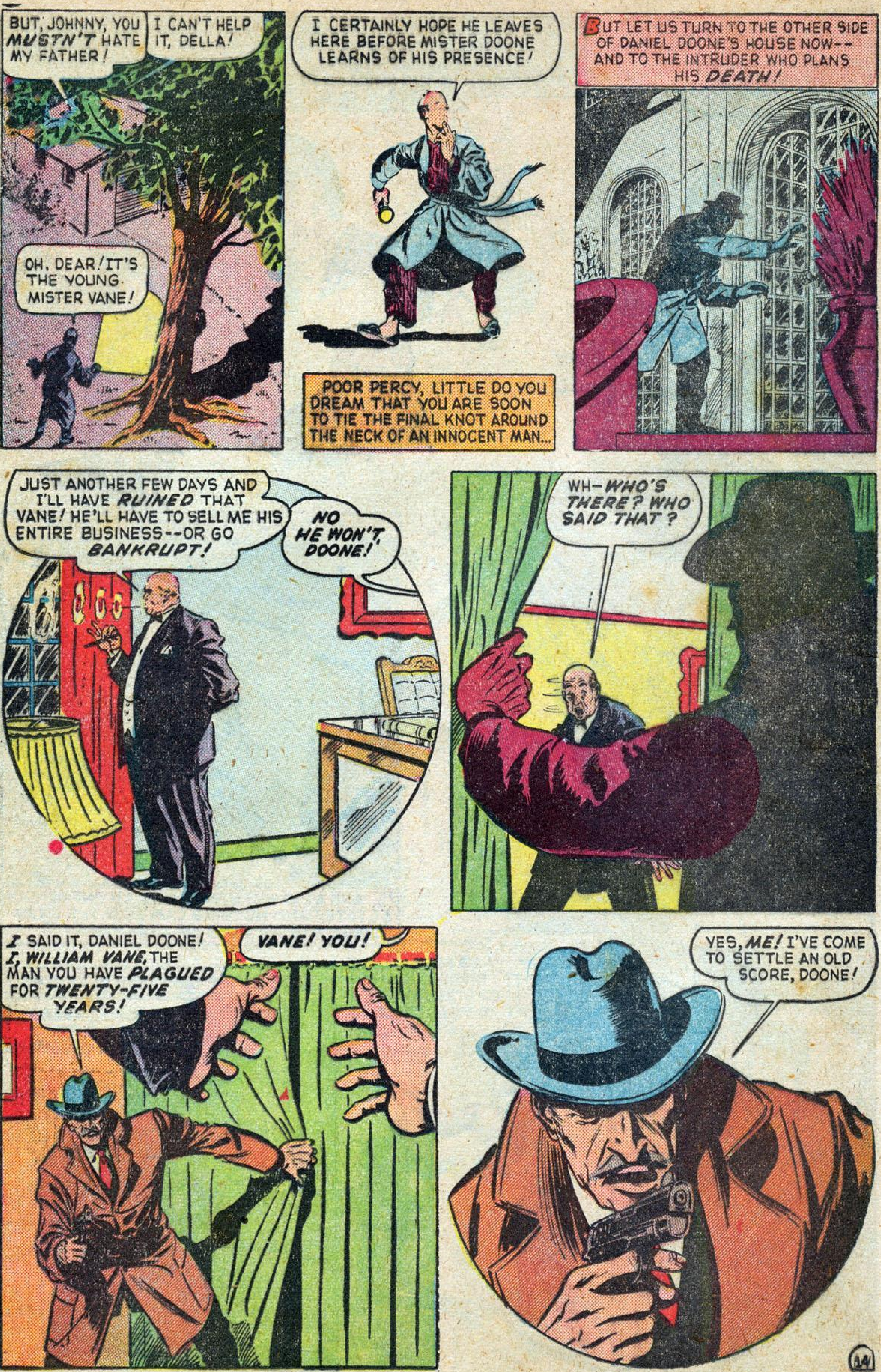
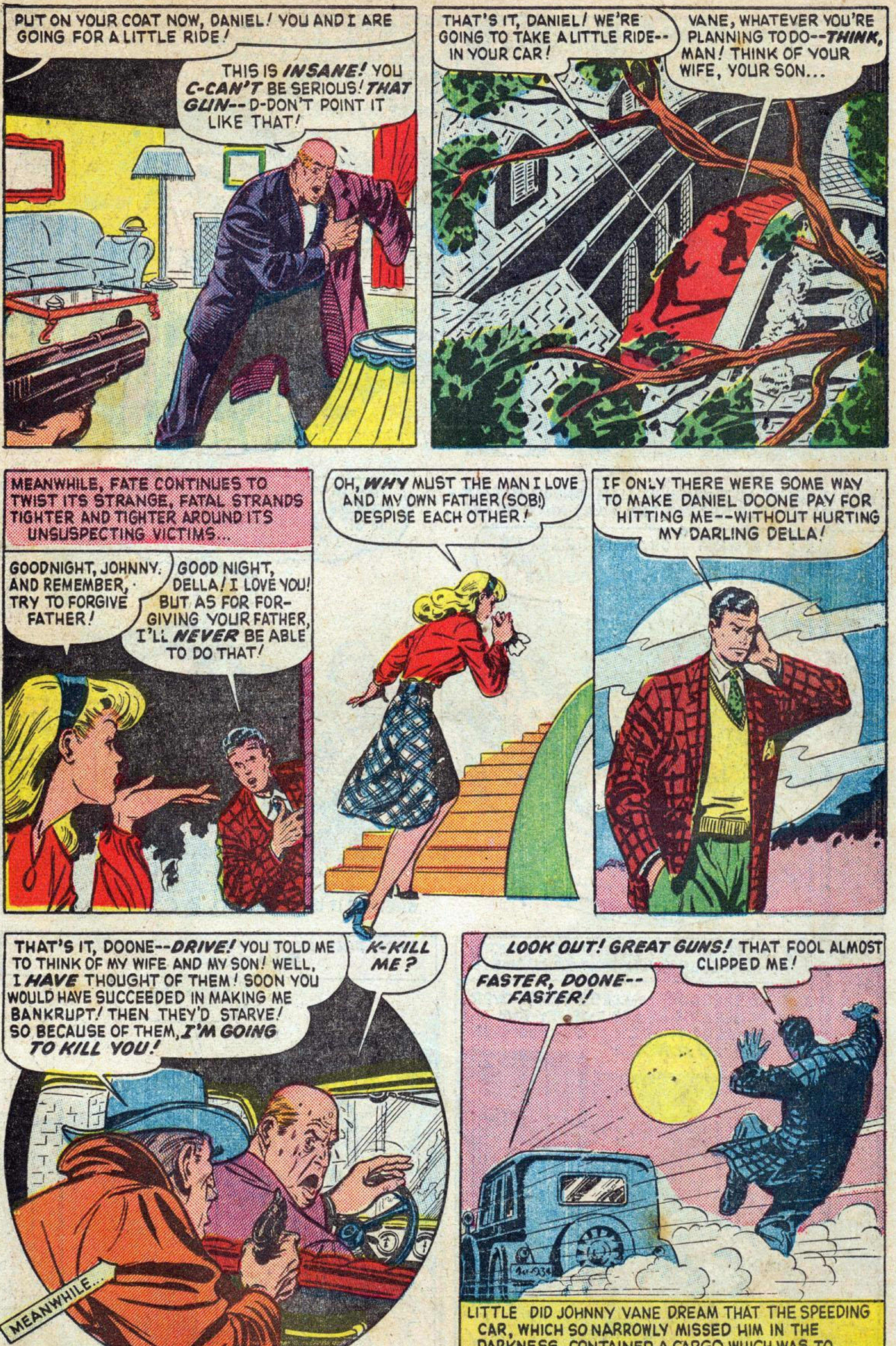
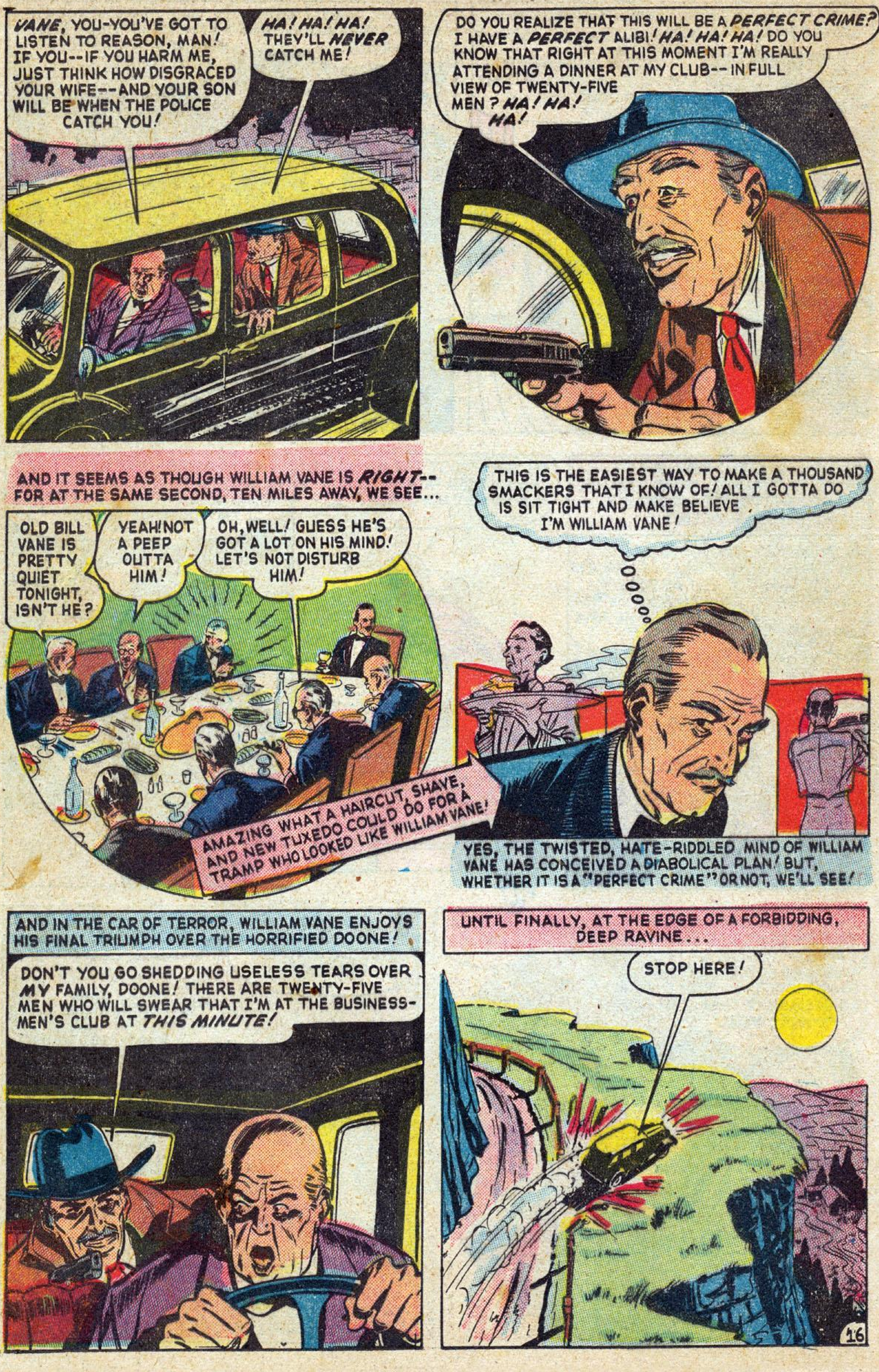
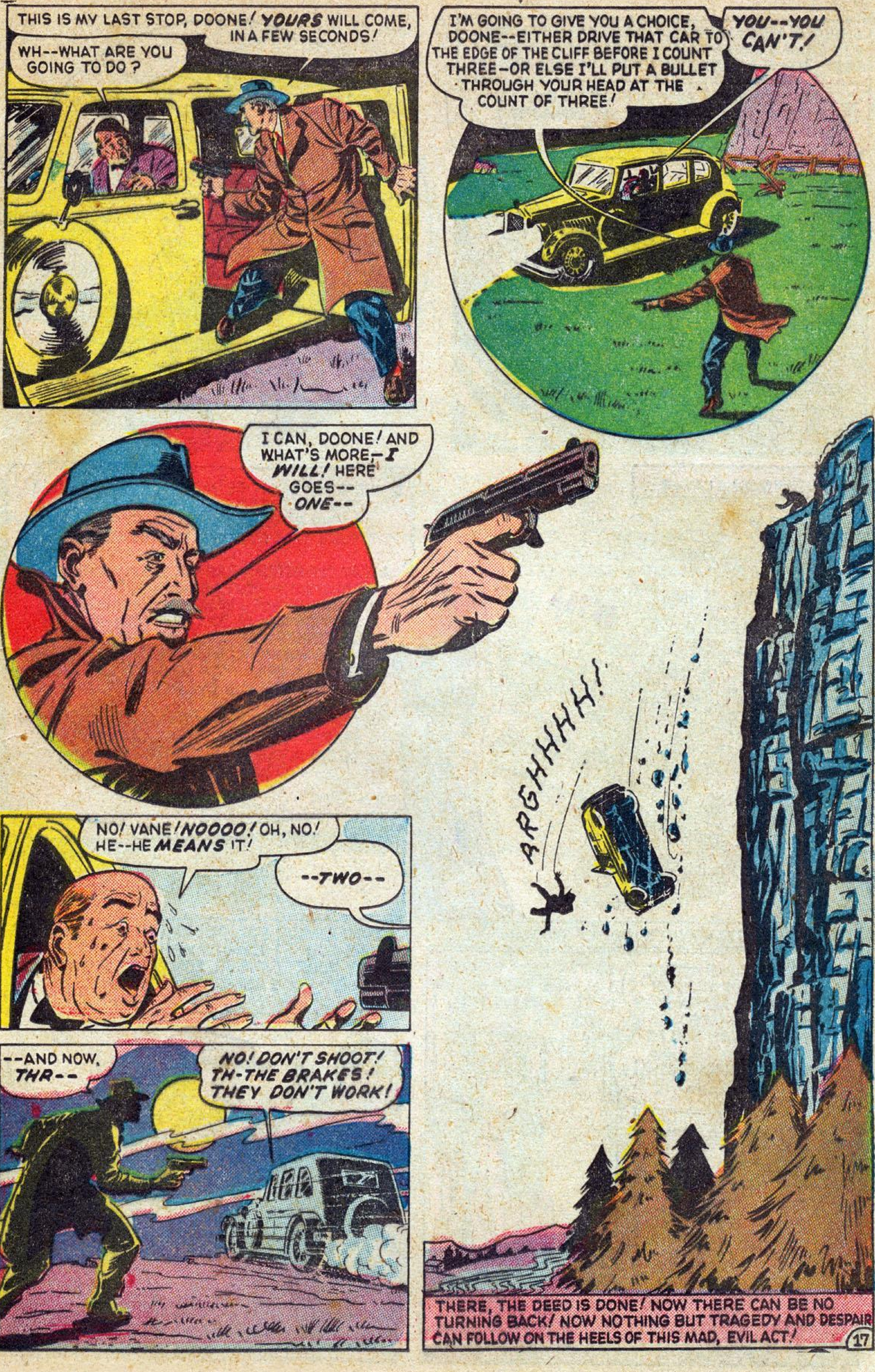
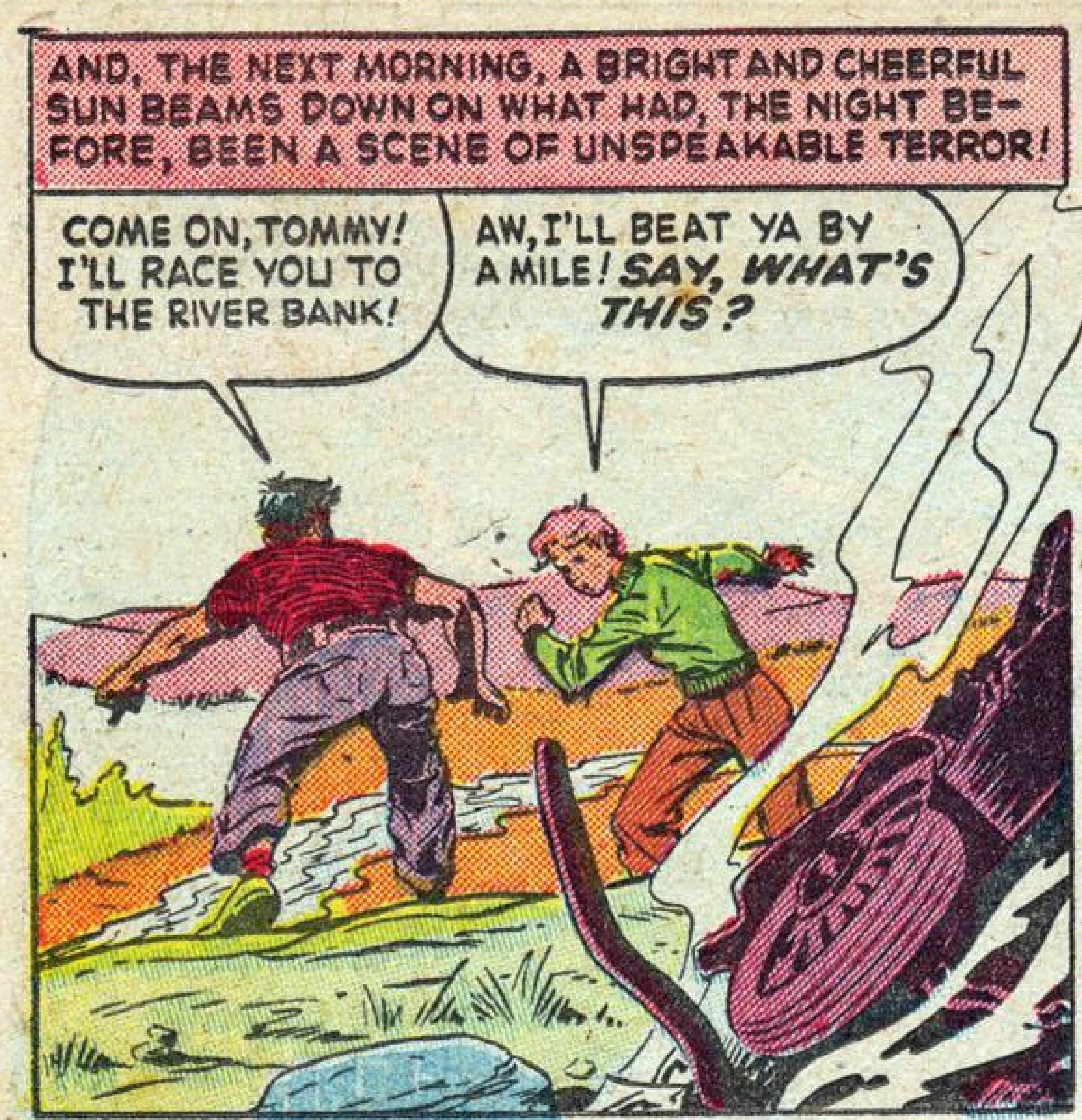
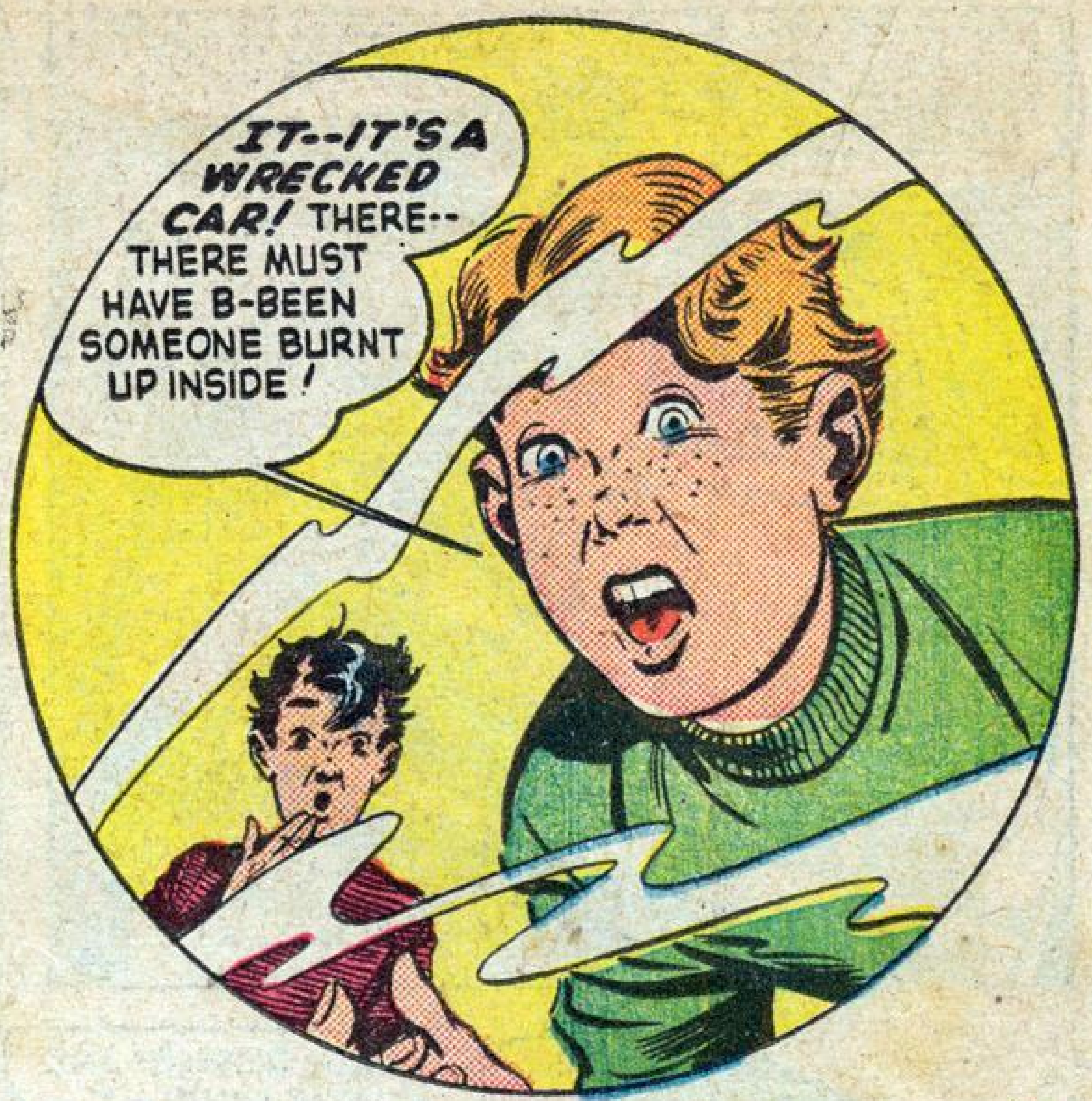

BUT, JOHNNY, YOU *MUSTN'T* HATE MY FATHER!
I CAN'T HELP IT, DELLA!
OH, DEAR! IT'S THE YOUNG MISTER VANE!
I CERTAINLY HOPE HE LEAVES HERE BEFORE MISTER DOONE LEARNS OF HIS PRESENCE!
POOR PERCY, LITTLE DO YOU DREAM THAT YOU ARE SOON TO TIE THE FINAL KNOT AROUND THE NECK OF AN INNOCENT MAN...
BUT LET US TURN TO THE OTHER SIDE OF DANIEL DOONE'S HOUSE NOW--AND TO THE INTRUDER WHO PLANS HIS *DEATH*!
JUST ANOTHER FEW DAYS AND I'LL HAVE *RUINED* THAT VANE! HE'LL HAVE TO SELL ME HIS ENTIRE BUSINESS--OR GO *BANKRUPT*!
NO HE WON'T, DOONE!
WH-*WHO'S THERE? WHO SAID THAT?*
I SAID IT, DANIEL DOONE! *I, WILLIAM VANE,* THE MAN YOU HAVE *PLAGUED* FOR *TWENTY-FIVE YEARS*!
VANE! YOU!
YES, *ME!* I'VE COME TO SETTLE AN OLD SCORE, DOONE!

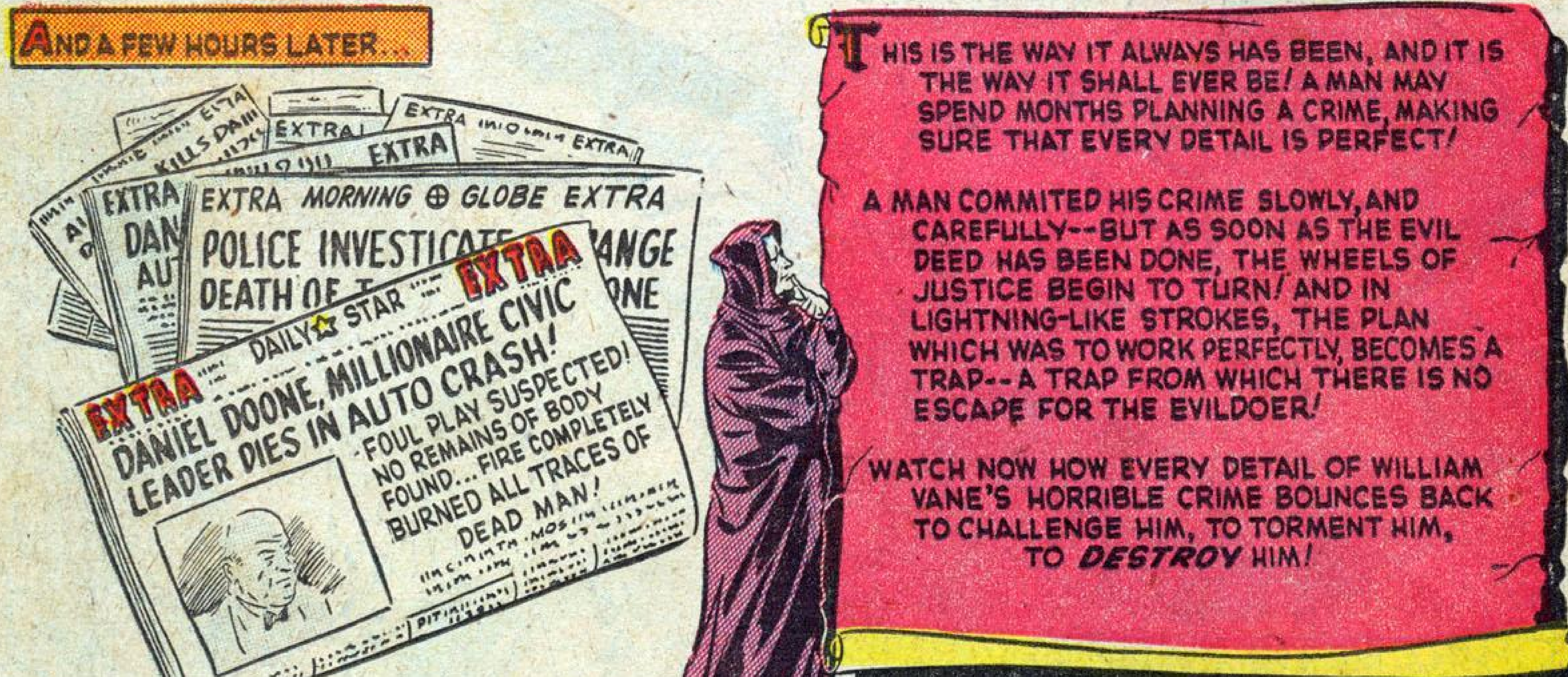

PUT ON YOUR COAT NOW, DANIEL! YOU AND I ARE GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!
THIS IS *INSANE!* YOU *C-CAN'T* BE SERIOUS! *THAT GUN*-- D-DON'T POINT IT LIKE THAT!
THAT'S IT, DANIEL! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE RIDE-- IN YOUR CAR!
VANE, WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO--*THINK,* MAN! THINK OF YOUR WIFE, YOUR SON...
MEANWHILE, FATE CONTINUES TO TWIST ITS STRANGE, FATAL STRANDS TIGHTER AND TIGHTER AROUND ITS UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS..
GOODNIGHT, JOHNNY. AND REMEMBER, TRY TO FORGIVE FATHER!
GOOD NIGHT, DELLA! I LOVE YOU! BUT AS FOR FORGIVING YOUR FATHER, I'LL *NEVER* BE ABLE TO DO THAT!
OH, *WHY* MUST THE MAN I LOVE AND MY OWN FATHER (SOB!) DESPISE EACH OTHER!
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY TO MAKE DANIEL DOONE PAY FOR HITTING ME--WITHOUT HURTING MY DARLING DELLA!
THAT'S IT, DOONE--*DRIVE!* YOU TOLD ME TO THINK OF MY WIFE AND MY SON! WELL, I *HAVE* THOUGHT OF THEM! SOON YOU WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING ME BANKRUPT! THEN THEY'D STARVE! SO BECAUSE OF THEM, *I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!*
K-KILL ME?
MEANWHILE...
LOOK OUT! GREAT GUNS! THAT FOOL ALMOST CLIPPED ME!
FASTER, DOONE-- FASTER!
LITTLE DID JOHNNY VANE DREAM THAT THE SPEEDING CAR, WHICH SO NARROWLY MISSED HIM IN THE DARKNESS, CONTAINED A CARGO WHICH WAS TO ALTER THE COURSE OF HIS ENTIRE LIFE!

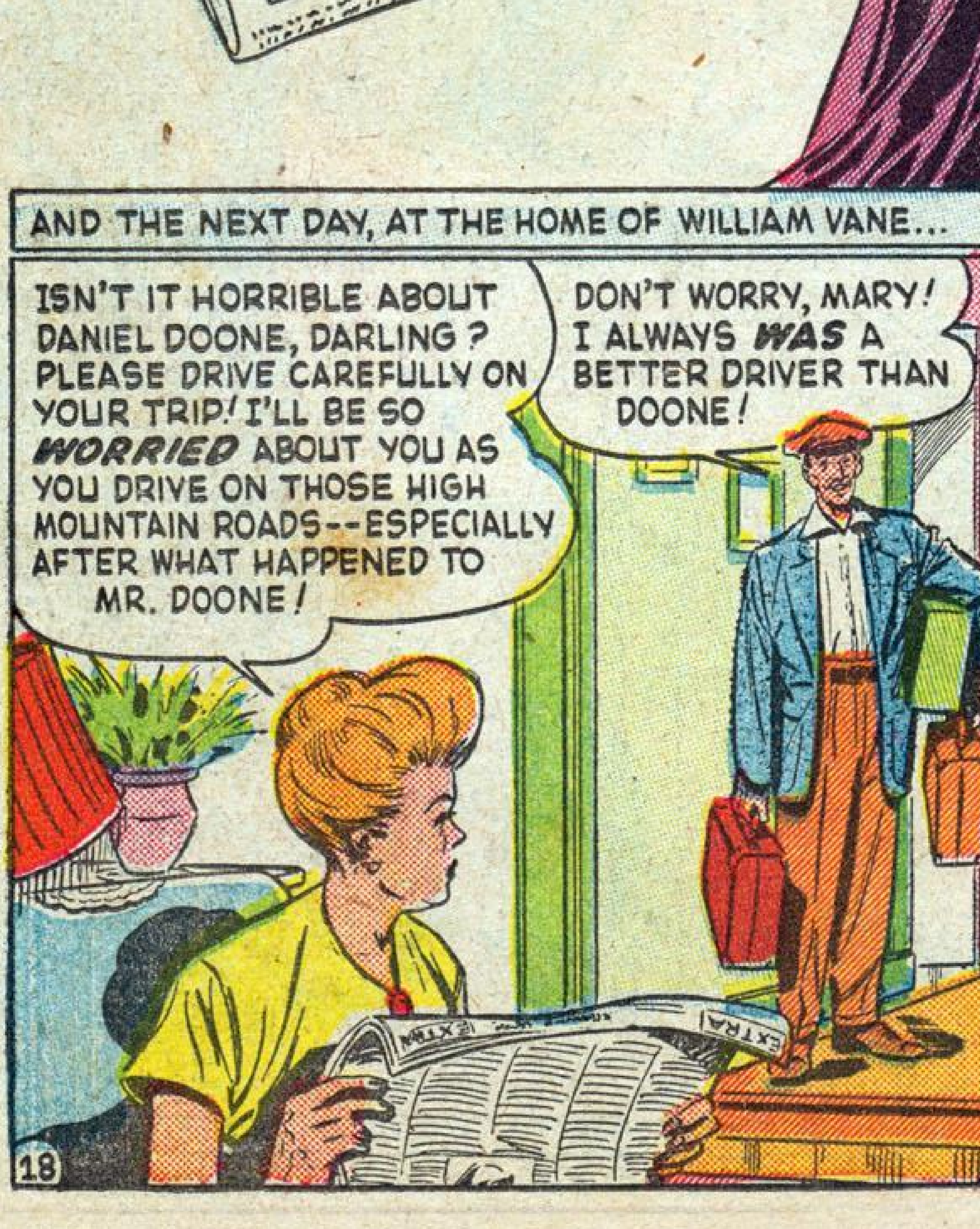

VANE, YOU-YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO REASON, MAN! IF YOU--IF YOU HARM ME, JUST THINK HOW DISGRACED YOUR WIFE--AND YOUR SON WILL BE WHEN THE POLICE CATCH YOU!
HA! HA! HA! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME!
DO YOU REALIZE THAT THIS WILL BE A PERFECT CRIME? I HAVE A PERFECT ALIBI! HA! HA! HA! DO YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT I'M REALLY ATTENDING A DINNER AT MY CLUB-- IN FULL VIEW OF TWENTY-FIVE MEN? HA! HA! HA!
AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WILLIAM VANE IS RIGHT-- FOR AT THE SAME SECOND, TEN MILES AWAY, WE SEE...
OLD BILL VANE IS PRETTY QUIET TONIGHT, ISN'T HE?
YEAH! NOT A PEEP OUTTA HIM!
OH, WELL! GUESS HE'S GOT A LOT ON HIS MIND! LET'S NOT DISTURB HIM!
AMAZING WHAT A HAIRCUT, SHAVE, AND NEW TUXEDO COULD DO FOR A TRAMP WHO LOOKED LIKE WILLIAM VANE!
THIS IS THE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE A THOUSAND SMACKERS THAT I KNOW OF! ALL I GOTTA DO IS SIT TIGHT AND MAKE BELIEVE I'M WILLIAM VANE!
YES, THE TWISTED, HATE-RIDDLED MIND OF WILLIAM VANE HAS CONCEIVED A DIABOLICAL PLAN! BUT, WHETHER IT IS A "PERFECT CRIME" OR NOT, WE'LL SEE!
AND IN THE CAR OF TERROR, WILLIAM VANE ENJOYS HIS FINAL TRIUMPH OVER THE HORRIFIED DOONE!
DON'T YOU GO SHEDDING USELESS TEARS OVER MY FAMILY, DOONE! THERE ARE TWENTY-FIVE MEN WHO WILL SWEAR THAT I'M AT THE BUSINESSMEN'S CLUB AT THIS MINUTE!
UNTIL FINALLY, AT THE EDGE OF A FORBIDDING, DEEP RAVINE...
STOP HERE!

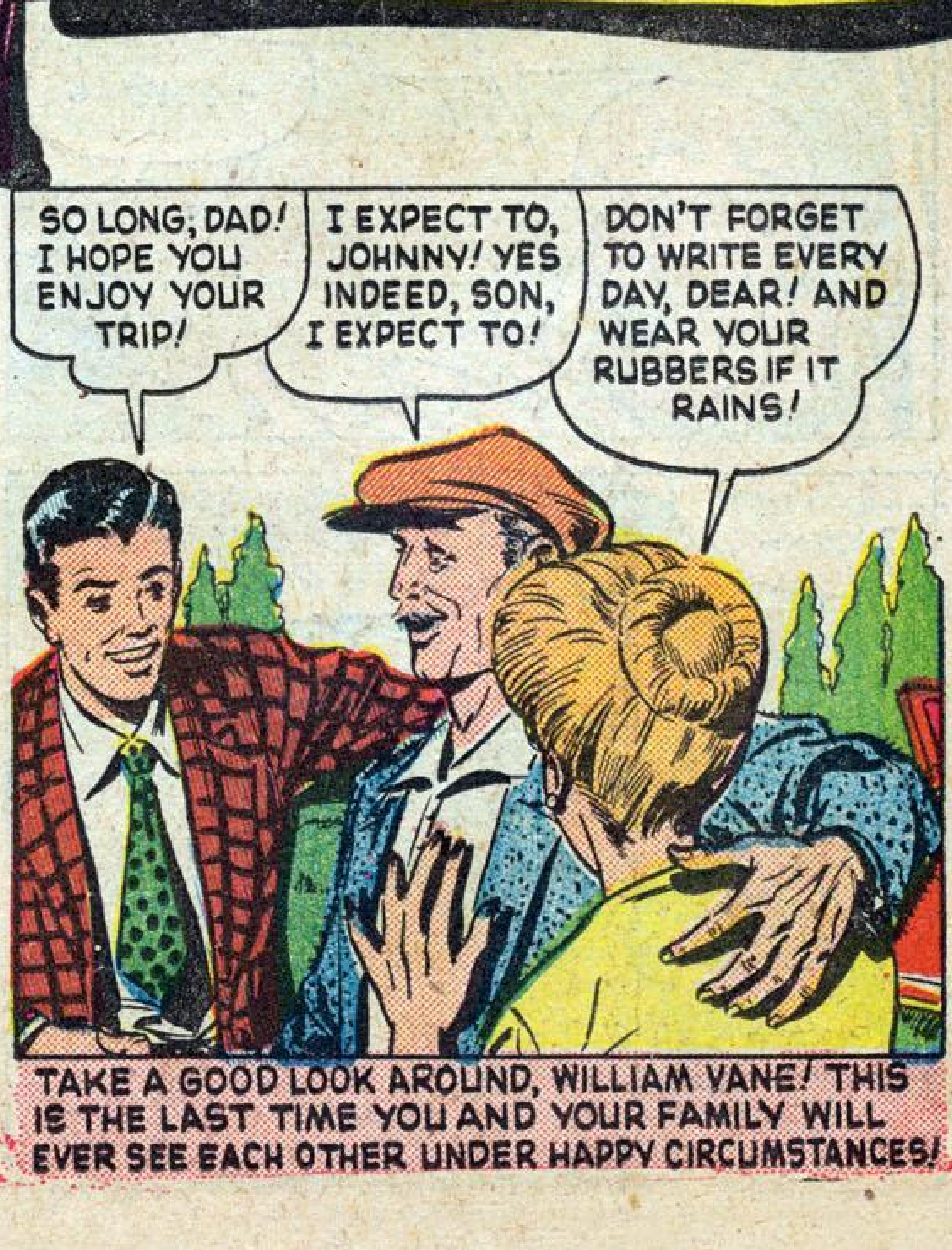

THIS IS MY LAST STOP, DOONE! *YOURS* WILL COME, IN A FEW SECONDS!
WH--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHOICE, DOONE--EITHER DRIVE THAT CAR TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF BEFORE I COUNT THREE--OR ELSE I'LL PUT A BULLET THROUGH YOUR HEAD AT THE COUNT OF THREE!
YOU--YOU CAN'T!
I CAN, DOONE! AND WHAT'S MORE,--*I WILL!* HERE GOES-- *ONE--*
NO! VANE! *NOOOO!* OH, NO! HE--HE *MEANS* IT!
--TWO--
--AND NOW, *THR--*
NO! DON'T SHOOT! TH-THE BRAKES! THEY DON'T WORK!
ARGHHHHH!
THERE, THE DEED IS DONE! NOW THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK! NOW NOTHING BUT TRAGEDY AND DESPAIR CAN FOLLOW ON THE HEELS OF THIS MAD, EVIL ACT!

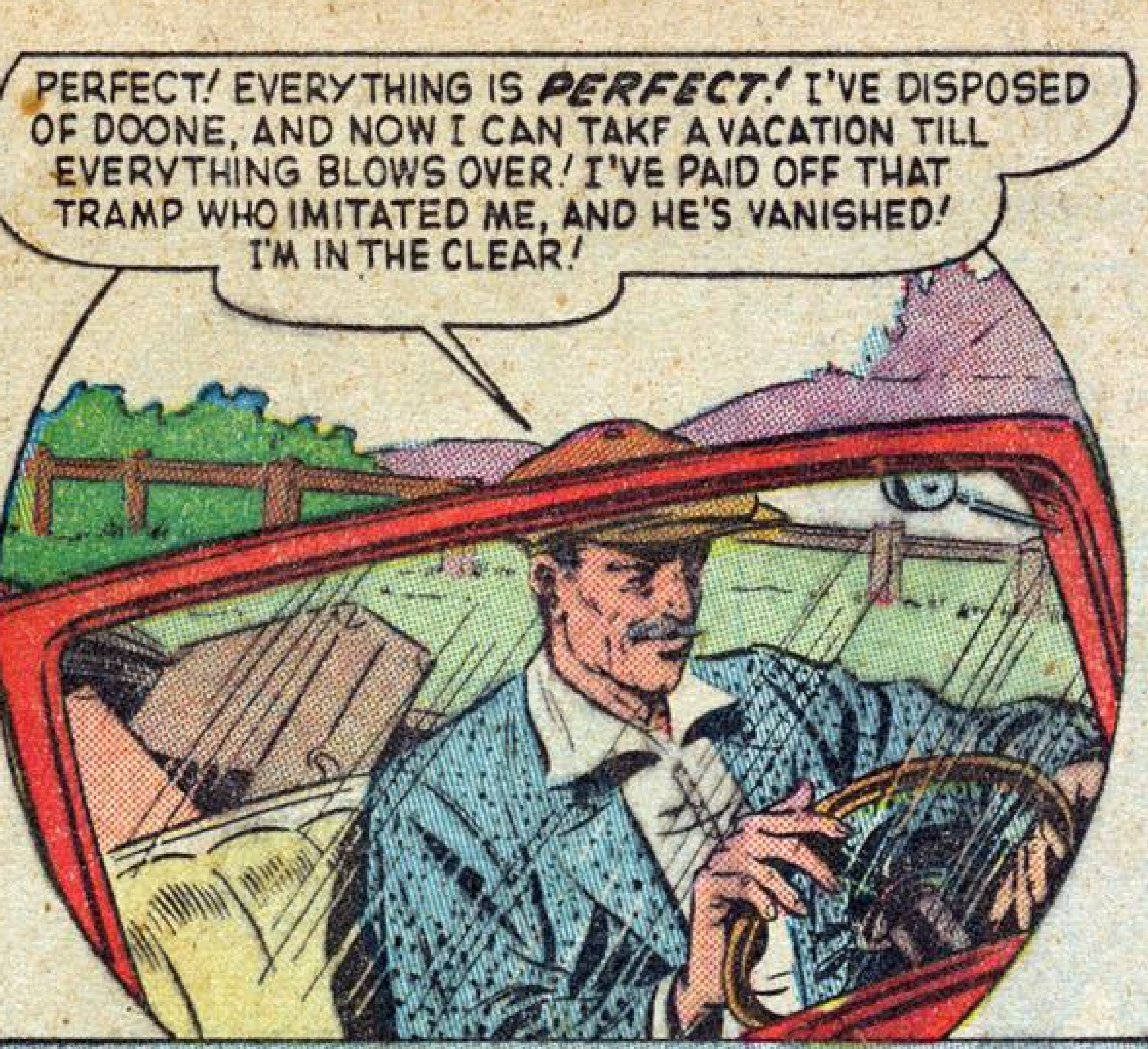

AND, THE NEXT MORNING, A BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL SUN BEAMS DOWN ON WHAT HAD, THE NIGHT BEFORE, BEEN A SCENE OF UNSPEAKABLE TERROR!
COME ON, TOMMY! I'LL RACE YOU TO THE RIVER BANK!
AW, I'LL BEAT YA BY A MILE! SAY, WHAT'S THIS?


IT--IT'S A WRECKED CAR! THERE--THERE MUST HAVE B-BEEN SOMEONE BURNT UP INSIDE!


AND A FEW HOURS LATER...
EXTRA MORNING ⊕ GLOBE EXTRA
POLICE INVESTIGATE STRANGE DEATH OF ... DOONE
EXTRA
DAILY ☆ STAR
DANIEL DOONE, MILLIONAIRE CIVIC LEADER DIES IN AUTO CRASH!
FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED! NO REMAINS OF BODY FOUND... FIRE COMPLETELY BURNED ALL TRACES OF DEAD MAN!
THIS IS THE WAY IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, AND IT IS THE WAY IT SHALL EVER BE! A MAN MAY SPEND MONTHS PLANNING A CRIME, MAKING SURE THAT EVERY DETAIL IS PERFECT!
A MAN COMMITED HIS CRIME SLOWLY, AND CAREFULLY--BUT AS SOON AS THE EVIL DEED HAS BEEN DONE, THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE BEGIN TO TURN! AND IN LIGHTNING-LIKE STROKES, THE PLAN WHICH WAS TO WORK PERFECTLY, BECOMES A TRAP--A TRAP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR THE EVILDOER!
WATCH NOW HOW EVERY DETAIL OF WILLIAM VANE'S HORRIBLE CRIME BOUNCES BACK TO CHALLENGE HIM, TO TORMENT HIM, TO DESTROY HIM!

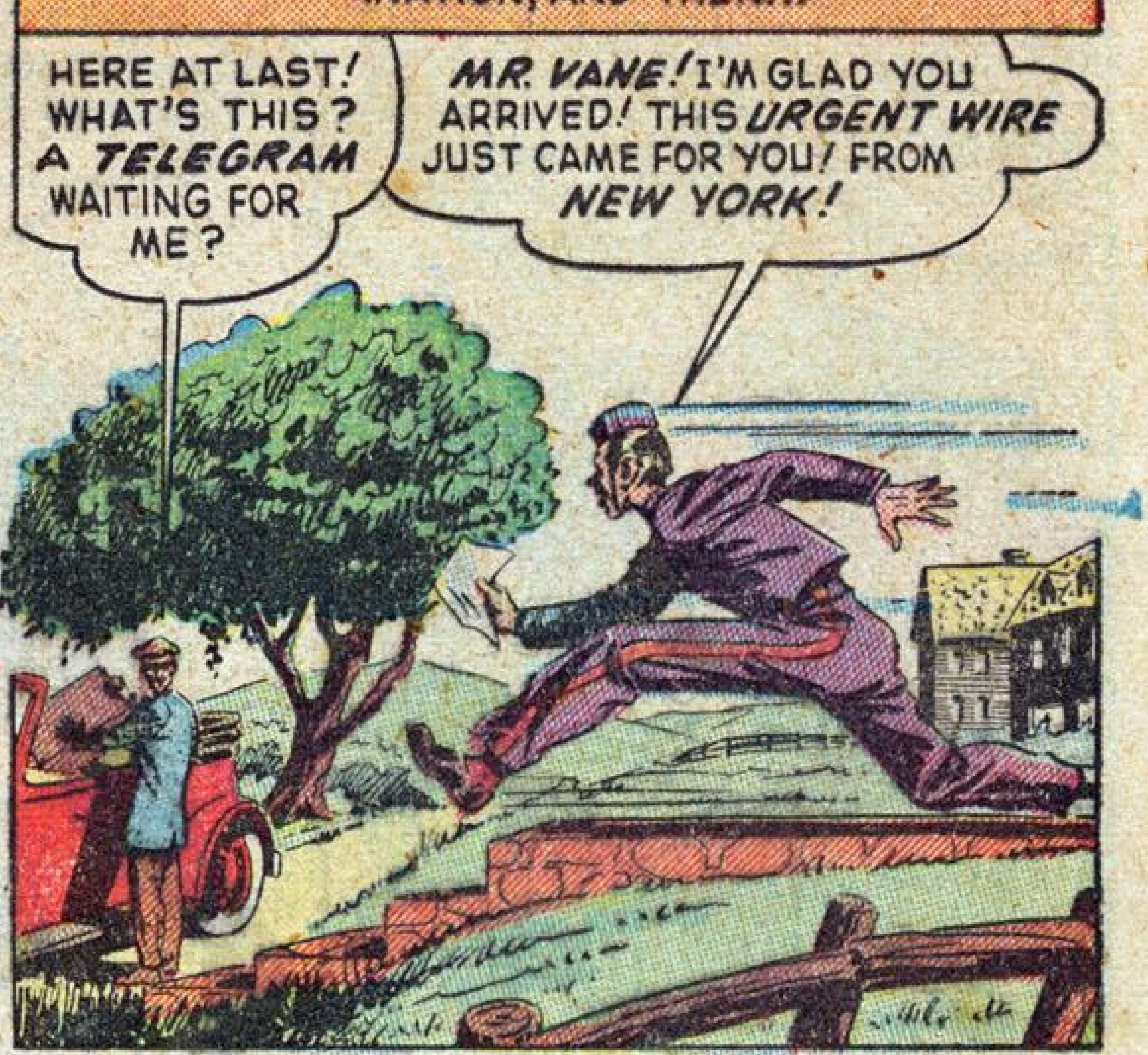

AND THE NEXT DAY, AT THE HOME OF WILLIAM VANE...
ISN'T IT HORRIBLE ABOUT DANIEL DOONE, DARLING? PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY ON YOUR TRIP! I'LL BE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU AS YOU DRIVE ON THOSE HIGH MOUNTAIN ROADS--ESPECIALLY AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. DOONE!
DON'T WORRY, MARY! I ALWAYS WAS A BETTER DRIVER THAN DOONE!
EXTRA

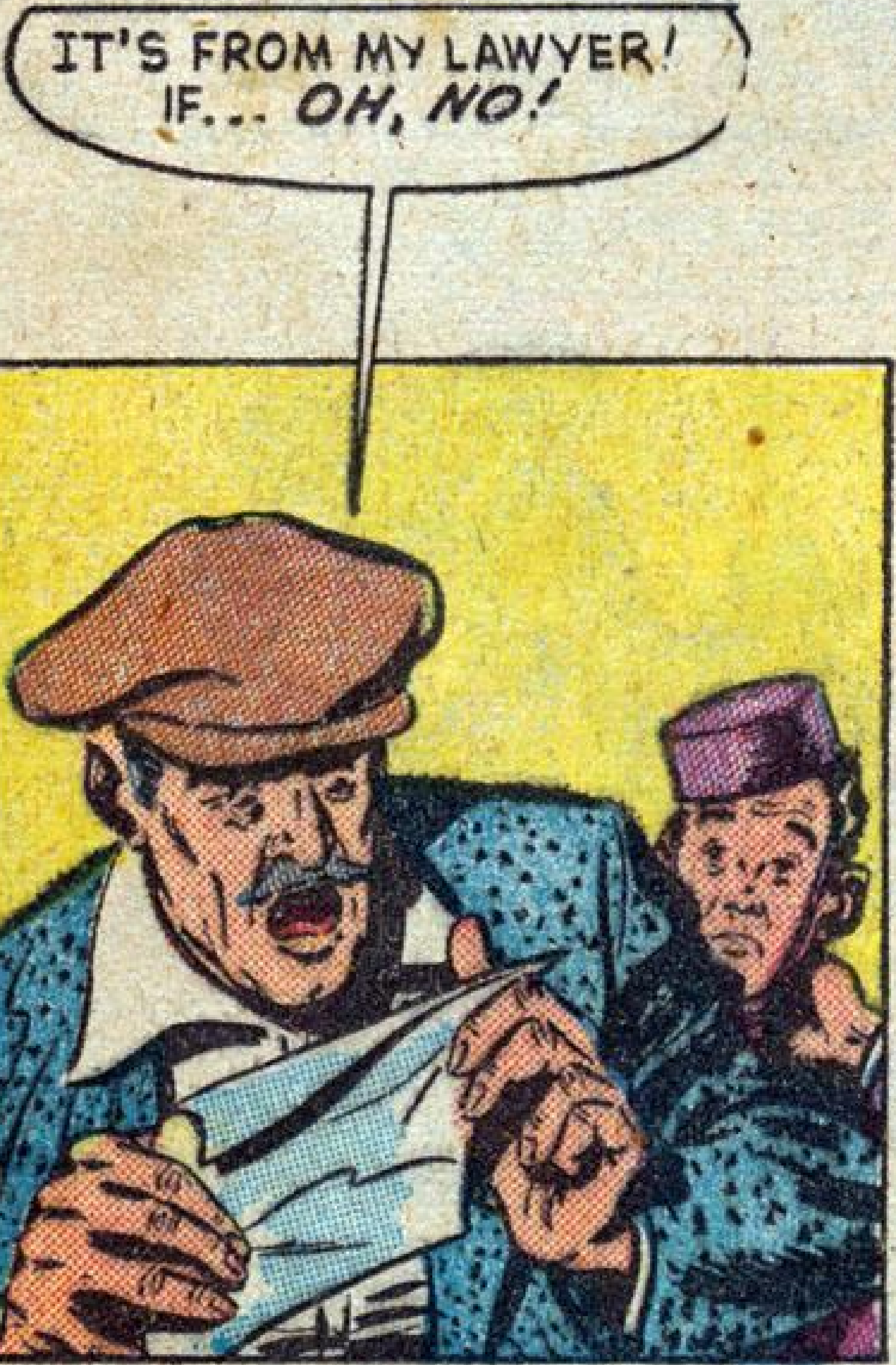

SO LONG, DAD! I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TRIP!
I EXPECT TO, JOHNNY! YES INDEED, SON, I EXPECT TO!
DON'T FORGET TO WRITE EVERY DAY, DEAR! AND WEAR YOUR RUBBERS IF IT RAINS!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND, WILLIAM VANE! THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL EVER SEE EACH OTHER UNDER HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCES!

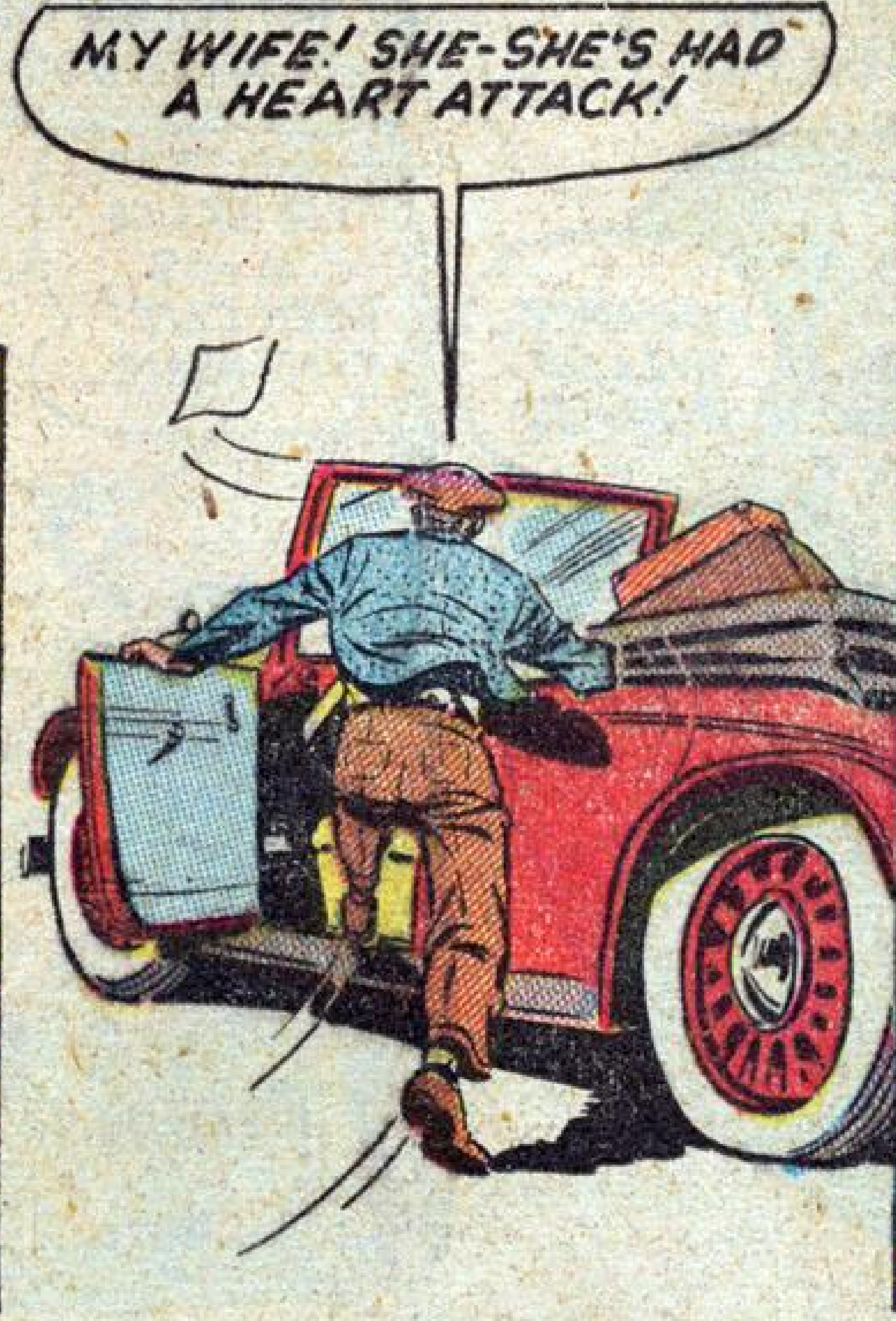

PERFECT! EVERYTHING IS *PERFECT!* I'VE DISPOSED OF DOONE, AND NOW I CAN TAKE A VACATION TILL EVERYTHING BLOWS OVER! I'VE PAID OFF THAT TRAMP WHO IMITATED ME, AND HE'S VANISHED! I'M IN THE CLEAR!

DO YOU SEE THIS MAN NOW ? SEE HOW *SURE* HE IS OF HIMSELF! SEE HOW *PROUD* ? MEMORIZE THIS PICTURE, BECAUSE NEVER AGAIN, AS LONG AS HE LIVES, WILL A SMILE CROSS THE LIPS OF WILLIAM VANE!

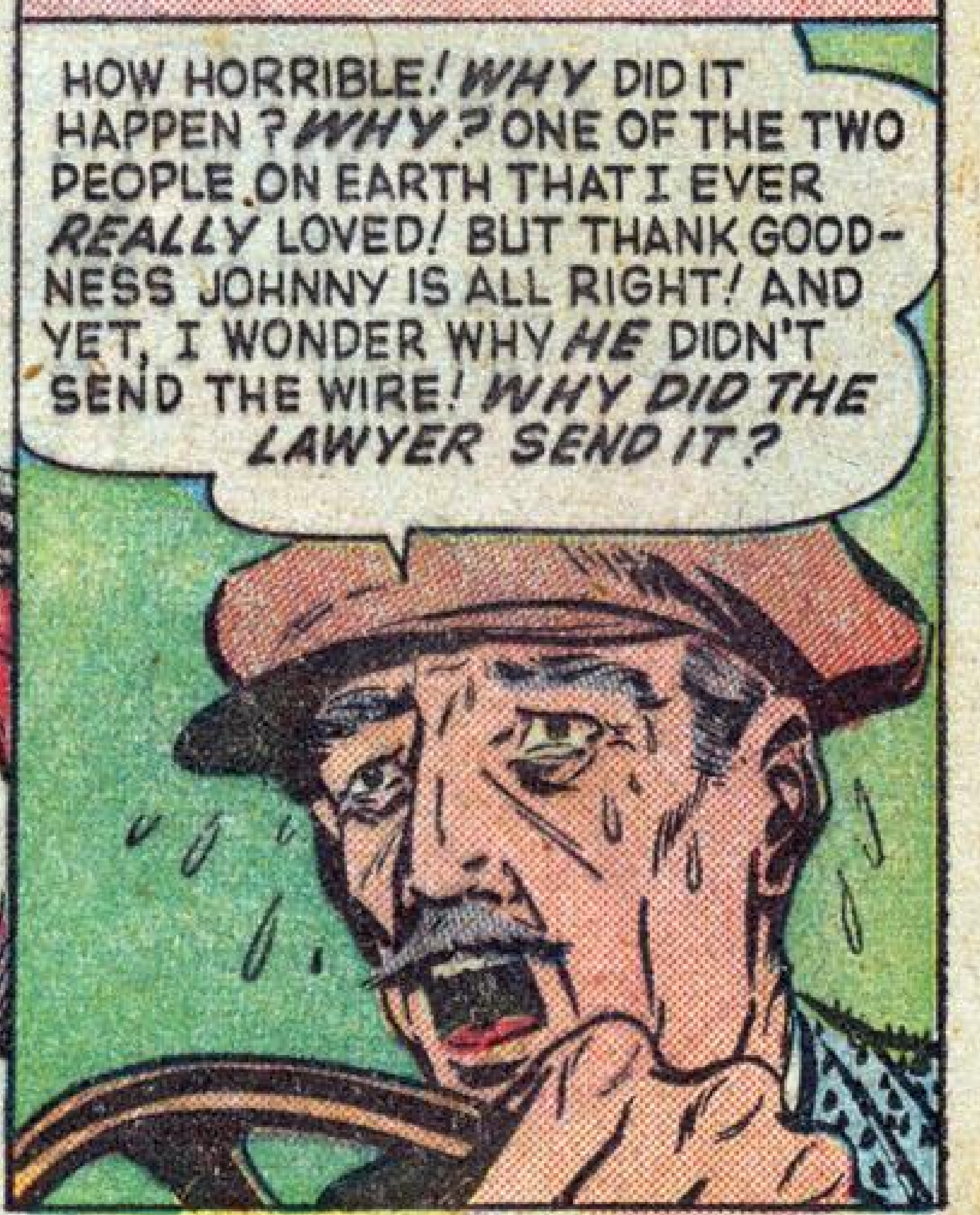
HOURS LATER, WILLIAM VANE REACHED HIS DESTINATION, AND THEN...


HERE AT LAST! WHAT'S THIS ? A *TELEGRAM* WAITING FOR ME ?
MR. VANE! I'M GLAD YOU ARRIVED! THIS *URGENT WIRE* JUST CAME FOR YOU! FROM *NEW YORK!*

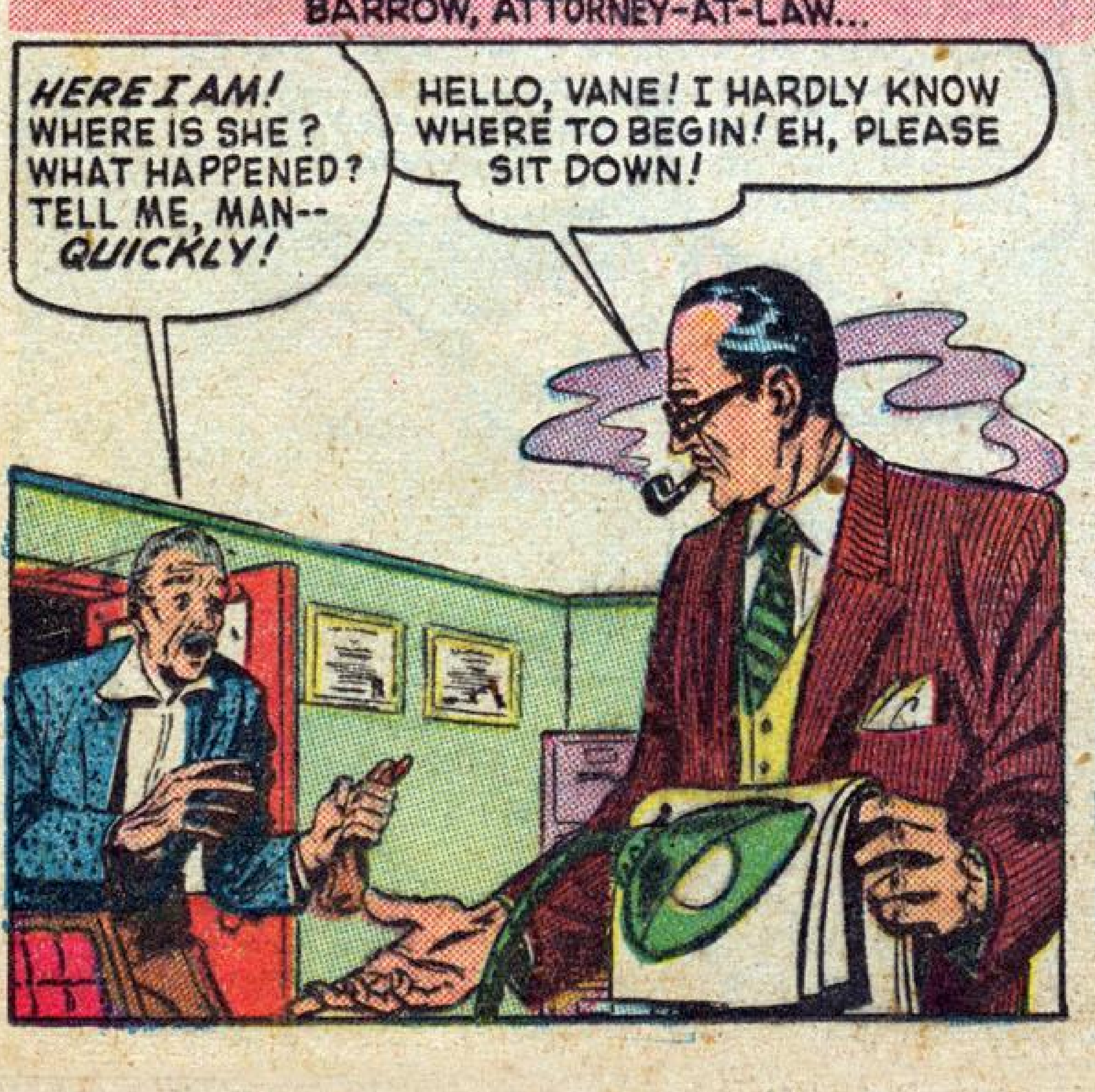

IT'S FROM MY LAWYER! IF... *OH, NO!*

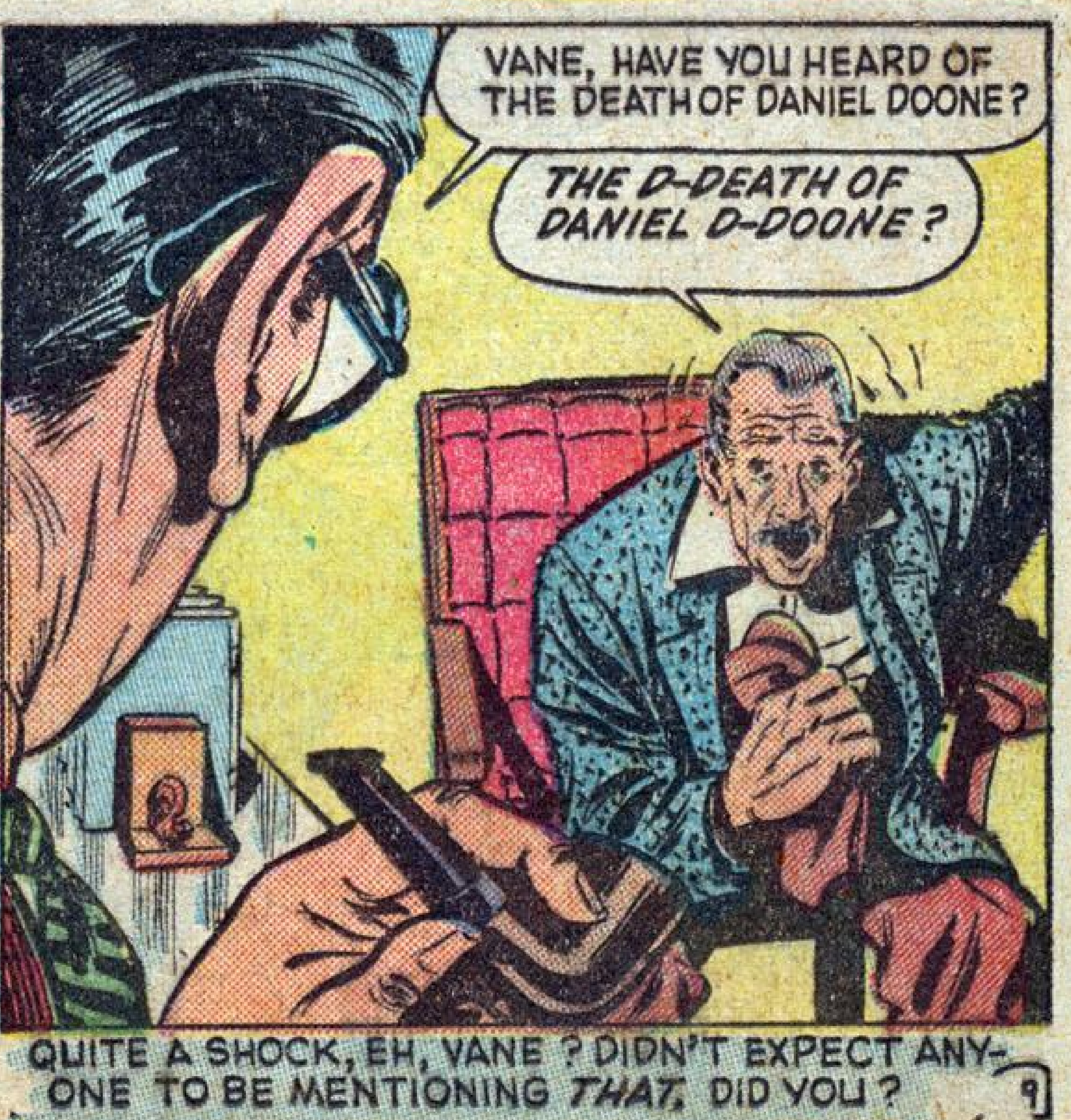

MY WIFE! SHE-SHE'S HAD A HEART ATTACK!

ALL THE WAY BACK TO NEW YORK, WILLIAM VANE'S MIND WAS IN A TURMOIL...

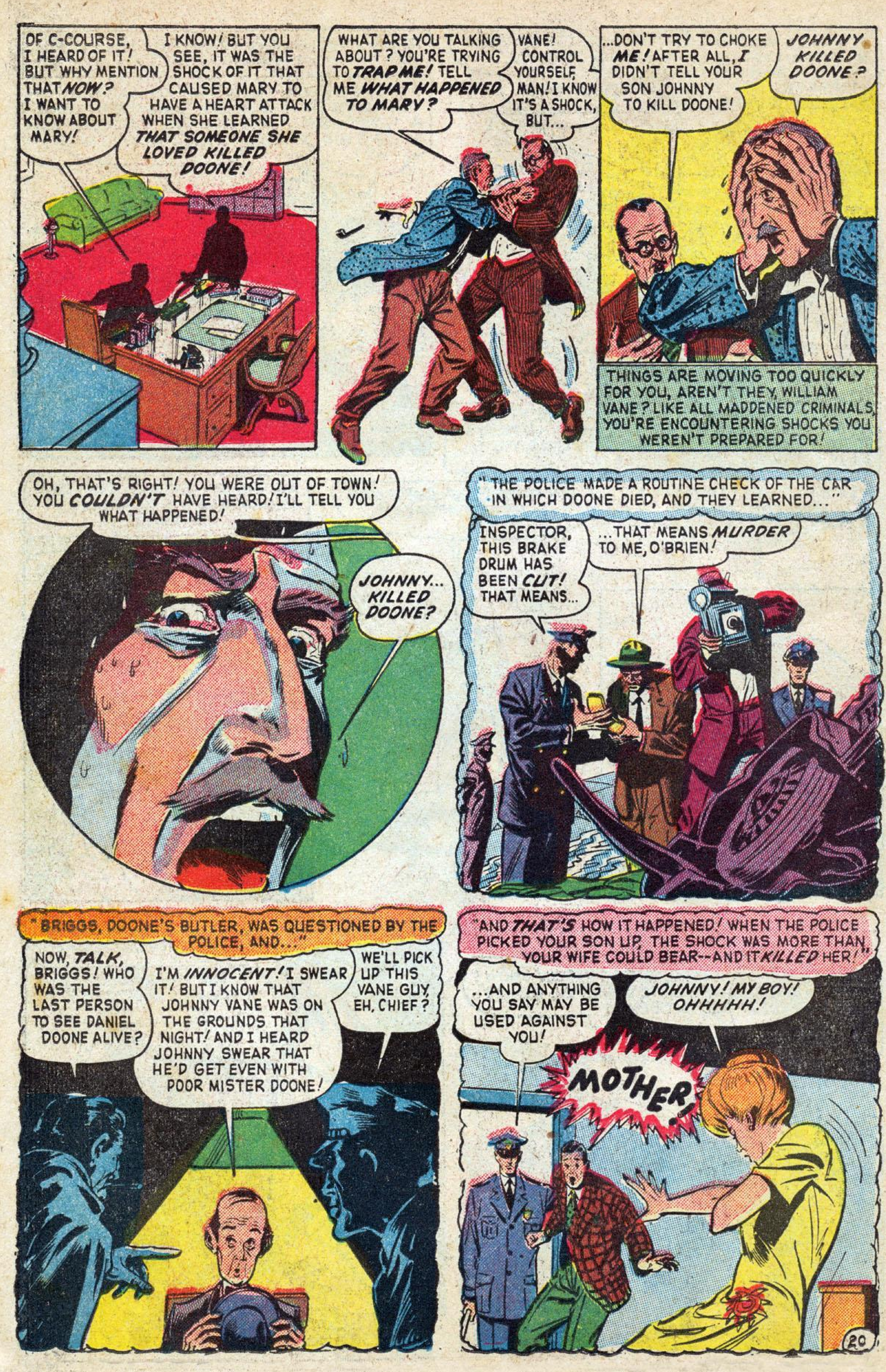

HOW HORRIBLE! *WHY* DID IT HAPPEN ? *WHY?* ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLE ON EARTH THAT I EVER *REALLY* LOVED! BUT THANK GOODNESS JOHNNY IS ALL RIGHT! AND YET, I WONDER WHY *HE* DIDN'T SEND THE WIRE! *WHY DID THE LAWYER SEND IT?*

...UNTIL FINALLY, VANE REACHED THE OFFICE OF BURTON BARROW, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW...

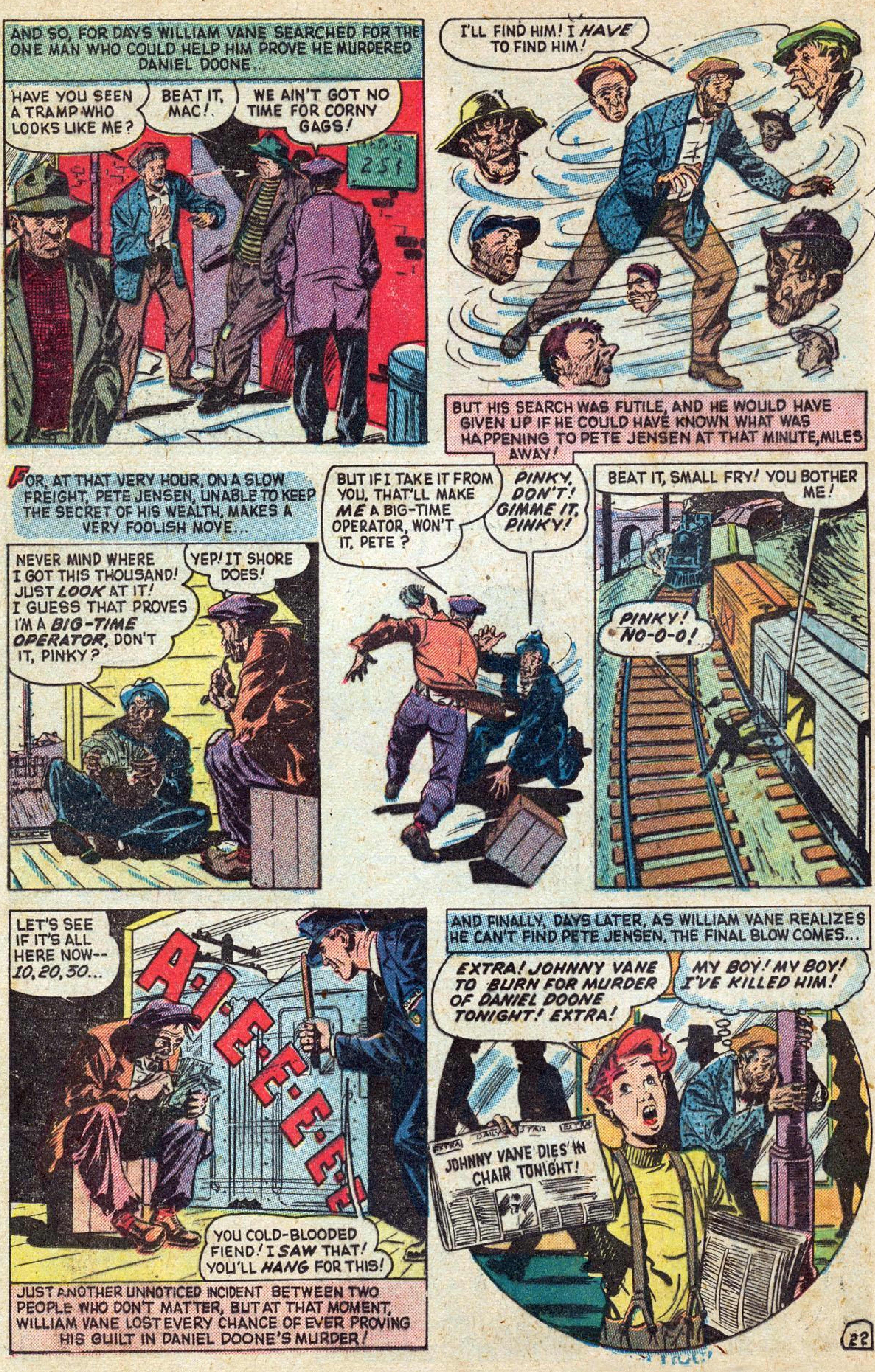

HERE I AM! WHERE IS SHE ? WHAT HAPPENED? TELL ME, MAN-- *QUICKLY!*
HELLO, VANE! I HARDLY KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN! EH, PLEASE SIT DOWN!


VANE, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE DEATH OF DANIEL DOONE?
THE D-DEATH OF DANIEL D-DOONE?

QUITE A SHOCK, EH, VANE ? DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO BE MENTIONING *THAT*, DID YOU?


OF C-COURSE, I HEARD OF IT! BUT WHY MENTION THAT *NOW*? I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MARY!
I KNOW! BUT YOU SEE, IT WAS THE SHOCK OF IT THAT CAUSED MARY TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN SHE LEARNED *THAT SOMEONE SHE LOVED KILLED DOONE!*
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE TRYING TO *TRAP ME!* TELL ME *WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY?*
VANE! CONTROL YOURSELF, MAN! I KNOW IT'S A SHOCK, BUT...
...DON'T TRY TO CHOKE *ME!* AFTER ALL, *I* DIDN'T TELL YOUR SON JOHNNY TO KILL DOONE!
JOHNNY KILLED DOONE?
THINGS ARE MOVING TOO QUICKLY FOR YOU, AREN'T THEY, WILLIAM VANE? LIKE ALL MADDENED CRIMINALS, YOU'RE ENCOUNTERING SHOCKS YOU WEREN'T PREPARED FOR!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU WERE OUT OF TOWN! YOU *COULDN'T* HAVE HEARD! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED!
JOHNNY... KILLED DOONE?
"THE POLICE MADE A ROUTINE CHECK OF THE CAR IN WHICH DOONE DIED, AND THEY LEARNED..."
INSPECTOR, THIS BRAKE DRUM HAS BEEN *CUT!* THAT MEANS...
...THAT MEANS *MURDER* TO ME, O'BRIEN!
"BRIGGS, DOONE'S BUTLER, WAS QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE, AND..."
NOW, *TALK*, BRIGGS! WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE DANIEL DOONE ALIVE?
I'M *INNOCENT!* I SWEAR IT! BUT I KNOW THAT JOHNNY VANE WAS ON THE GROUNDS THAT NIGHT! AND I HEARD JOHNNY SWEAR THAT HE'D GET EVEN WITH POOR MISTER DOONE!
WE'LL PICK UP THIS VANE GUY, EH, CHIEF?
"AND *THAT'S* HOW IT HAPPENED! WHEN THE POLICE PICKED YOUR SON UP, THE SHOCK WAS MORE THAN YOUR WIFE COULD BEAR--AND IT *KILLED* HER!"
...AND ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU!
JOHNNY! MY BOY! OHHHHH!
MOTHER!

AND THAT'S WHAT HAPP--! VANE! WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING TO FREE MY SON!
JOHNNY CAN'T SUFFER FOR A CRIME THAT I COMMITTED! I WON'T LET HIM!
WAS IT WORTH IT, WILLIAM VANE? IS IT EVER WORTH IT? YOUR WIFE--DEAD! YOUR SON--IN JAIL, ACCUSED OF MURDER! AND YOUR OWN LIFE-- RUINED BEYOND REDEMPTION!
MINUTES LATER...
I'M WILLIAM VANE--I WANT TO SEE THE D.A. QUICKLY!
OH, YES, MISTER VANE! SIT DOWN! I'M THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!
YOU MUST FREE MY SON! I MURDERED DANIEL DOONE
THERE'S THE IRONY OF IT--ALL THAT TIME IN PLANNING THE PERFECT CRIME, AND YOU'VE GOT TO CONFESS IN ORDER TO SAVE THE ONLY LIVING SOUL FOR WHOM YOU HAVE ANY LOVE!
MISTER VANE, YOUR MOTIVES ARE VERY NOBLE IN TRYING TO SAVE YOUR SON! BUT WE KNOW YOU'RE INNOCENT! WE'VE ALREADY CHECKED INTO YOUR WHEREABOUTS ON THE FATAL EVENING, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU WERE AT THE BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING! UNFORTUNATELY, YOU HAVE AN IRON-CLAD ALIBI!
BUT--BUT THAT'S NOT SO! IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE! IT WAS ALL A TRICK-- BELIEVE ME! I'M GUILTY-- ARREST ME! FREE MY SON! DO YOU HEAR!
STEVE, SHOW MR. VANE OUT! I'M A BUSY MAN! I'M SORRY, MR. VANE...
THIS IS FANTASTIC-- A NIGHTMARE! I'VE GOT TO PROVE I'M GUILTY! BUT HOW? HOW?
ICT ATTO
I KNOW! IF I CAN FIND THAT TRAMP WHO IMPERSONATED ME-- AND MAKE HIM CONFESS!


AND SO, FOR DAYS WILLIAM VANE SEARCHED FOR THE ONE MAN WHO COULD HELP HIM PROVE HE MURDERED DANIEL DOONE...
HAVE YOU SEEN A TRAMP WHO LOOKS LIKE ME?
BEAT IT, MAC!
WE AIN'T GOT NO TIME FOR CORNY GAGS!
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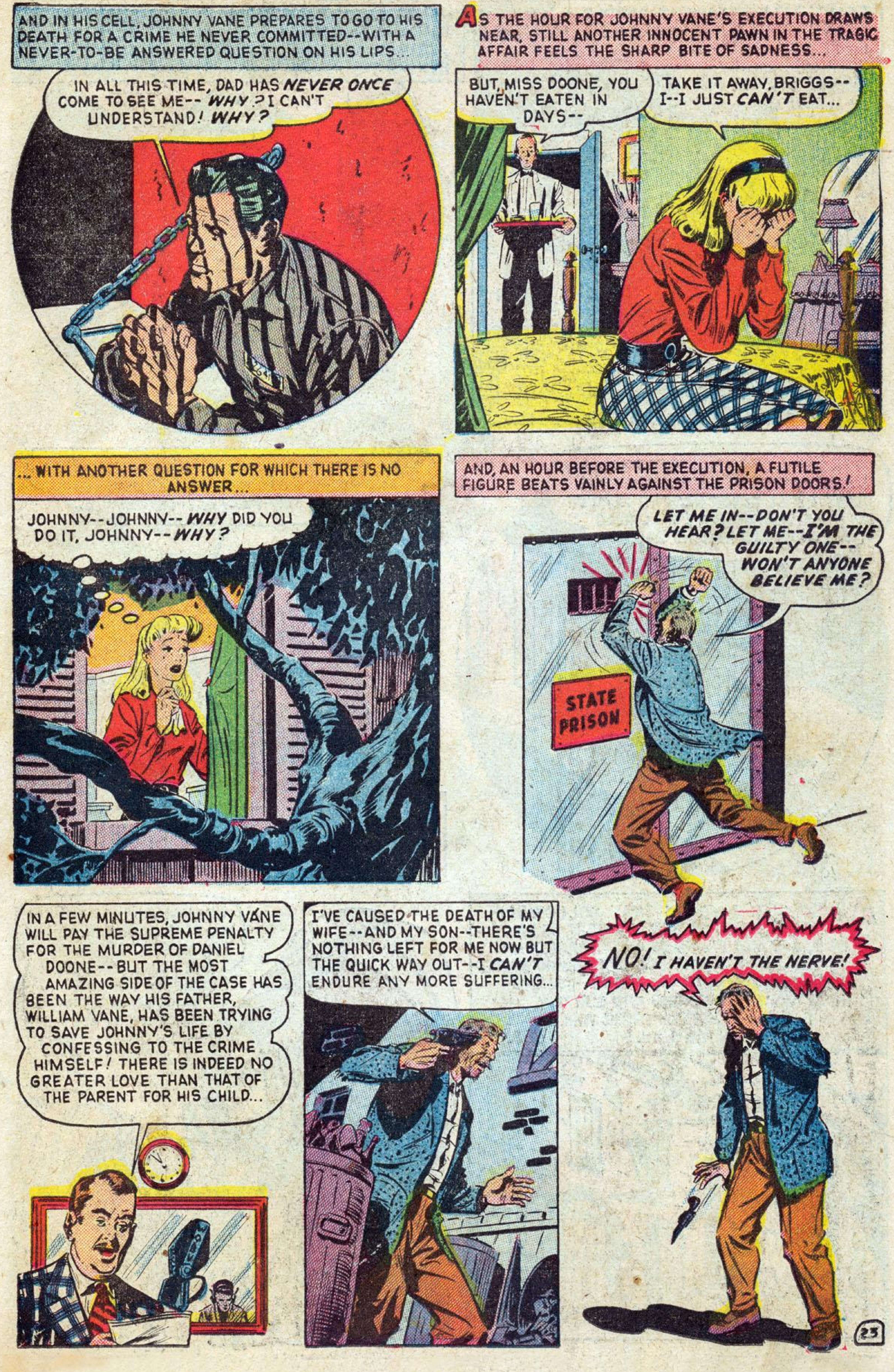
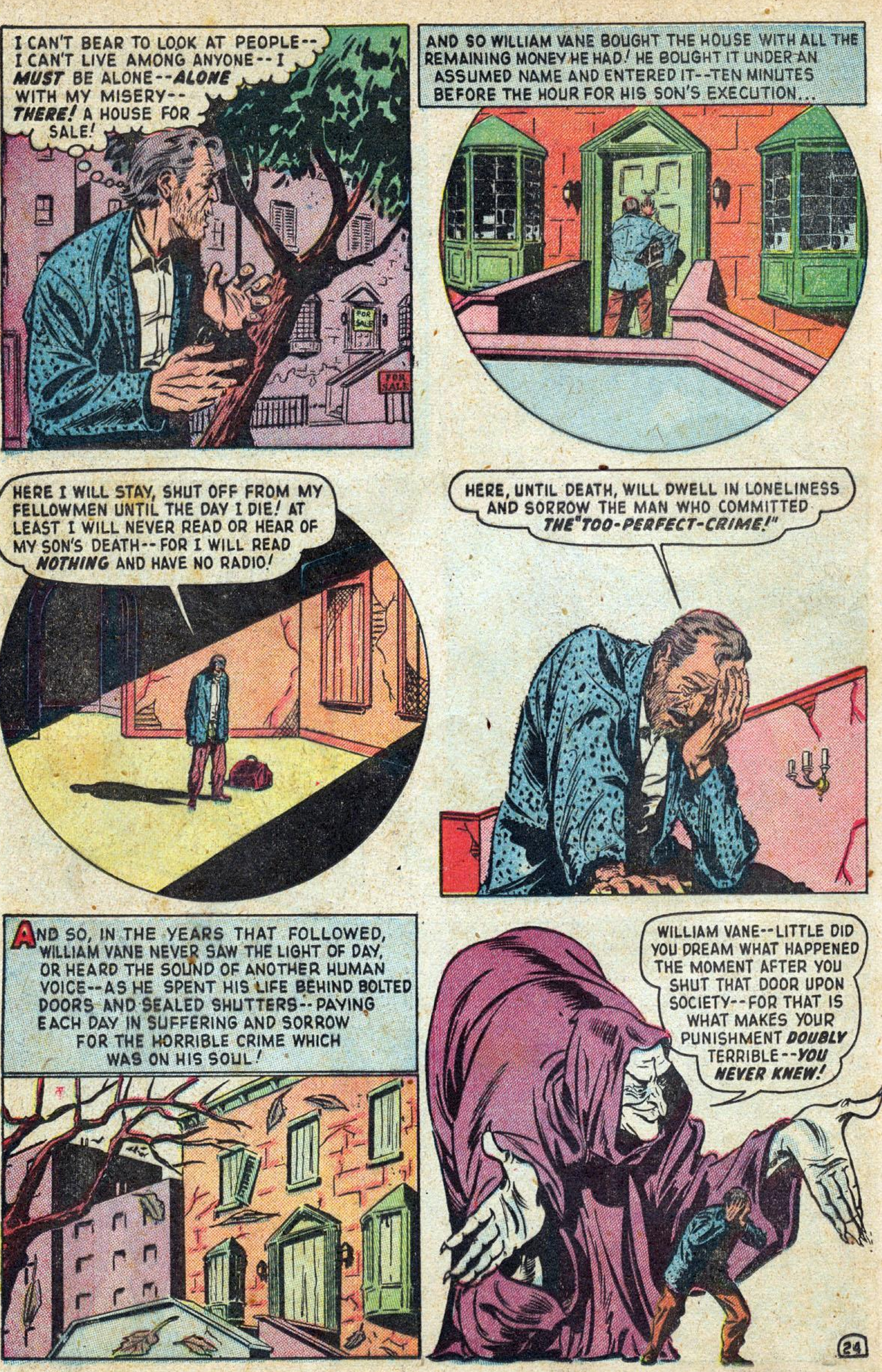
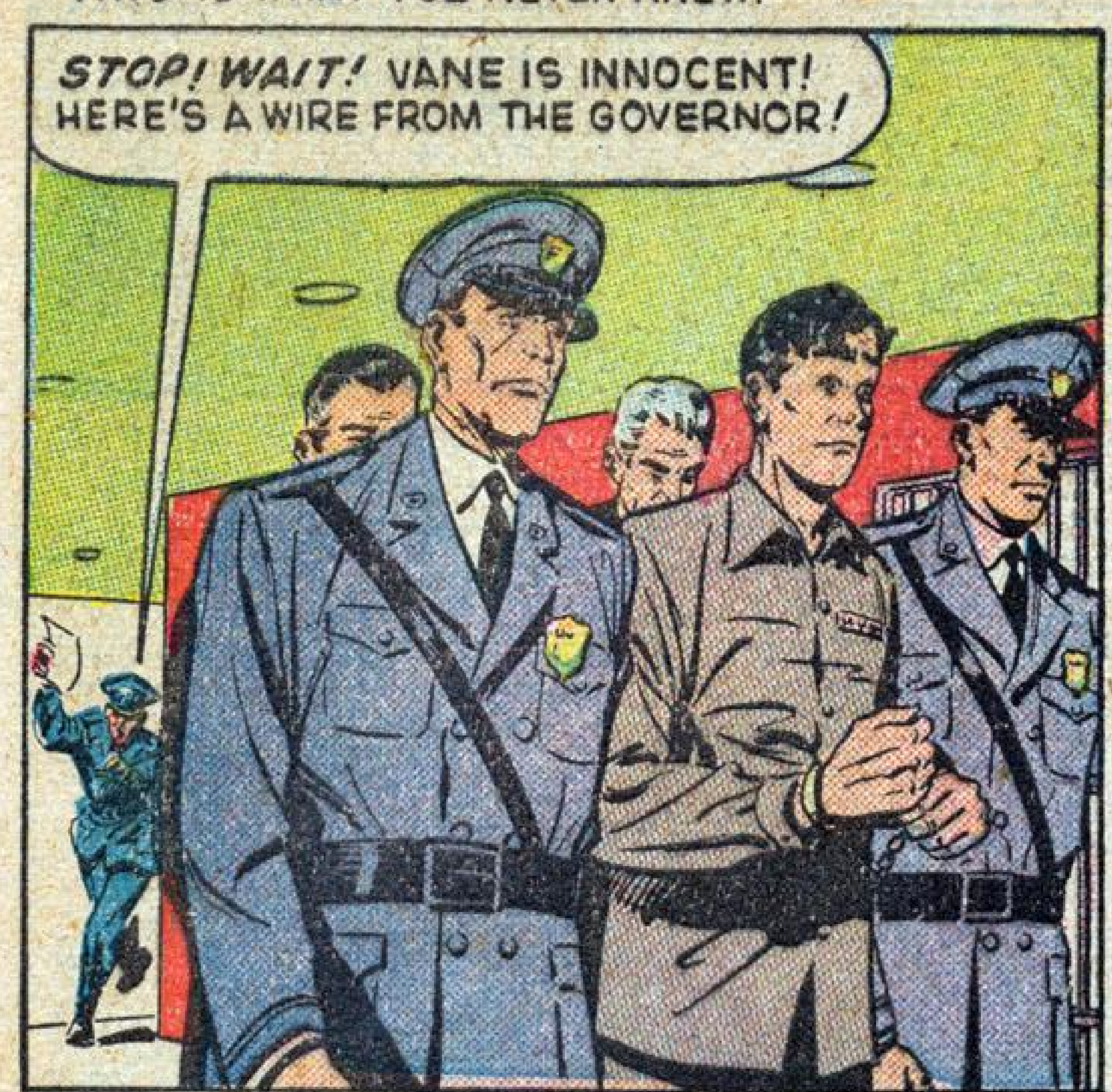
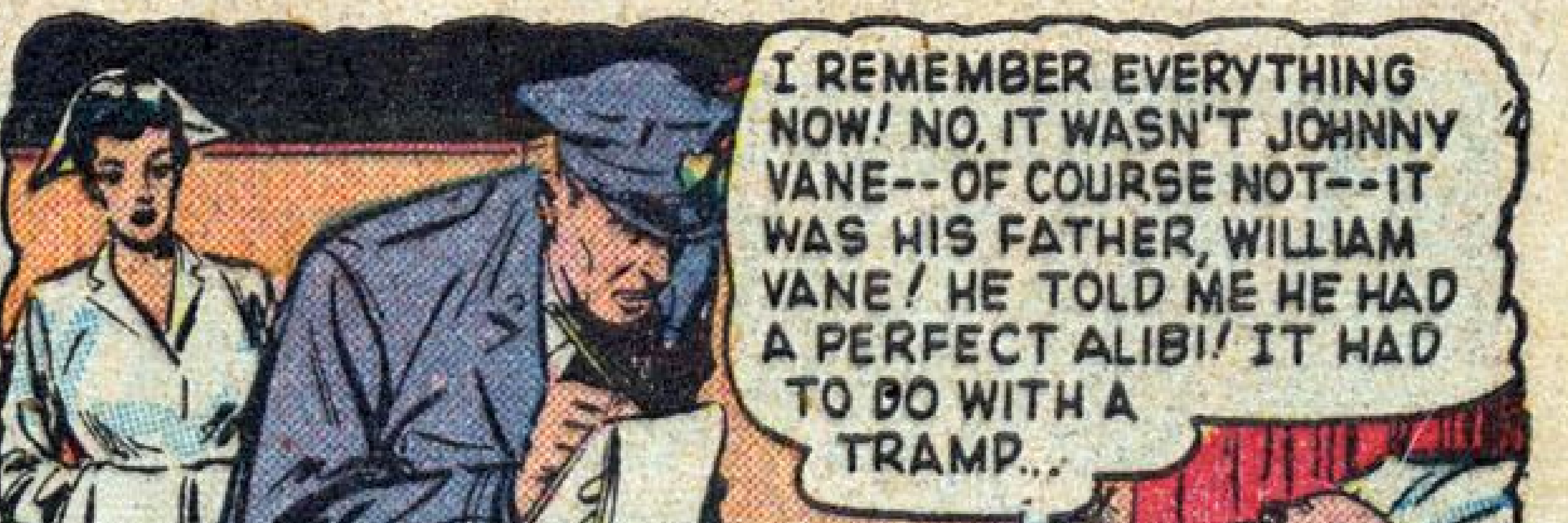
I'LL FIND HIM! I *HAVE* TO FIND HIM!
BUT HIS SEARCH WAS FUTILE, AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP IF HE COULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO PETE JENSEN AT THAT MINUTE, MILES AWAY!
FOR, AT THAT VERY HOUR, ON A SLOW FREIGHT, PETE JENSEN, UNABLE TO KEEP THE SECRET OF HIS WEALTH, MAKES A VERY FOOLISH MOVE...
NEVER MIND WHERE I GOT THIS THOUSAND! JUST *LOOK* AT IT! I GUESS THAT PROVES I'M A *BIG-TIME OPERATOR*, DON'T IT, PINKY?
YEP! IT SHORE DOES!
BUT IF I TAKE IT FROM YOU, THAT'LL MAKE *ME* A BIG-TIME OPERATOR, WON'T IT, PETE?
PINKY, DON'T! GIMME IT, PINKY!
BEAT IT, SMALL FRY! YOU BOTHER ME!
PINKY! NO-O-O!
LET'S SEE IF IT'S ALL HERE NOW-- *10, 20, 30...*
A-I-E-E-E-E-E
YOU COLD-BLOODED FIEND! I *SAW* THAT! YOU'LL *HANG* FOR THIS!
JUST ANOTHER UNNOTICED INCIDENT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE WHO DON'T MATTER, BUT AT THAT MOMENT, WILLIAM VANE LOST EVERY CHANCE OF EVER PROVING HIS GUILT IN DANIEL DOONE'S MURDER!
AND FINALLY, DAYS LATER, AS WILLIAM VANE REALIZES HE CAN'T FIND PETE JENSEN, THE FINAL BLOW COMES...
EXTRA! JOHNNY VANE TO BURN FOR MURDER OF DANIEL DOONE TONIGHT! EXTRA!
MY BOY! MY BOY! I'VE KILLED HIM!
EXTRA DAILY STAR EXTRA
JOHNNY VANE DIES IN CHAIR TONIGHT!

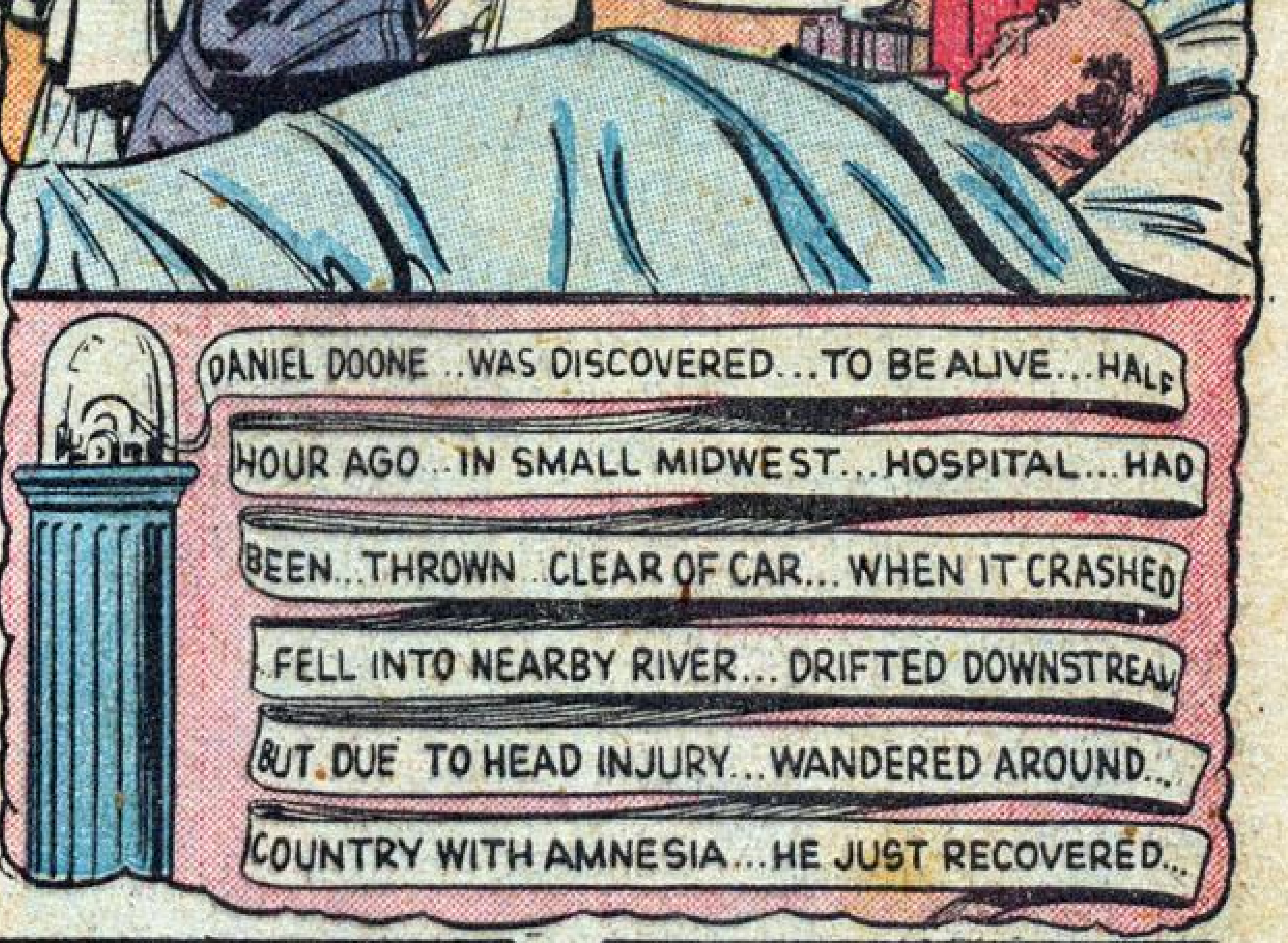

AND IN HIS CELL, JOHNNY VANE PREPARES TO GO TO HIS DEATH FOR A CRIME HE NEVER COMMITTED--WITH A NEVER-TO-BE ANSWERED QUESTION ON HIS LIPS...
IN ALL THIS TIME, DAD HAS *NEVER ONCE* COME TO SEE ME-- *WHY?* I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! *WHY?*
AS THE HOUR FOR JOHNNY VANE'S EXECUTION DRAWS NEAR, STILL ANOTHER INNOCENT PAWN IN THE TRAGIC AFFAIR FEELS THE SHARP BITE OF SADNESS...
BUT, MISS DOONE, YOU HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS--
TAKE IT AWAY, BRIGGS-- I--I JUST *CAN'T* EAT...
... WITH ANOTHER QUESTION FOR WHICH THERE IS NO ANSWER...
JOHNNY--JOHNNY-- *WHY* DID YOU DO IT, JOHNNY-- *WHY?*
AND, AN HOUR BEFORE THE EXECUTION, A FUTILE FIGURE BEATS VAINLY AGAINST THE PRISON DOORS!
LET ME IN--DON'T YOU HEAR? LET ME--I'M THE GUILTY ONE-- WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?
STATE PRISON
IN A FEW MINUTES, JOHNNY VANE WILL PAY THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR THE MURDER OF DANIEL DOONE-- BUT THE MOST AMAZING SIDE OF THE CASE HAS BEEN THE WAY HIS FATHER, WILLIAM VANE, HAS BEEN TRYING TO SAVE JOHNNY'S LIFE BY CONFESSING TO THE CRIME HIMSELF! THERE IS INDEED NO GREATER LOVE THAN THAT OF THE PARENT FOR HIS CHILD...
I'VE CAUSED THE DEATH OF MY WIFE--AND MY SON--THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME NOW BUT THE QUICK WAY OUT--I *CAN'T* ENDURE ANY MORE SUFFERING...
NO! I HAVEN'T THE NERVE!


I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT PEOPLE-- I CAN'T LIVE AMONG ANYONE-- I *MUST* BE ALONE--*ALONE* WITH MY MISERY-- *THERE!* A HOUSE FOR SALE!
FOR SALE
FOR SALE
AND SO WILLIAM VANE BOUGHT THE HOUSE WITH ALL THE REMAINING MONEY HE HAD! HE BOUGHT IT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND ENTERED IT--TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE HOUR FOR HIS SON'S EXECUTION...
HERE I WILL STAY, SHUT OFF FROM MY FELLOWMEN UNTIL THE DAY I DIE! AT LEAST I WILL NEVER READ OR HEAR OF MY SON'S DEATH--FOR I WILL READ *NOTHING* AND HAVE NO RADIO!
HERE, UNTIL DEATH, WILL DWELL IN LONELINESS AND SORROW THE MAN WHO COMMITTED *THE "TOO-PERFECT-CRIME!"*
AND SO, IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, WILLIAM VANE NEVER SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY, OR HEARD THE SOUND OF ANOTHER HUMAN VOICE--AS HE SPENT HIS LIFE BEHIND BOLTED DOORS AND SEALED SHUTTERS--PAYING EACH DAY IN SUFFERING AND SORROW FOR THE HORRIBLE CRIME WHICH WAS ON HIS SOUL!
WILLIAM VANE--LITTLE DID YOU DREAM WHAT HAPPENED THE MOMENT AFTER YOU SHUT THAT DOOR UPON SOCIETY--FOR THAT IS WHAT MAKES YOUR PUNISHMENT *DOUBLY* TERRIBLE--*YOU NEVER KNEW!*

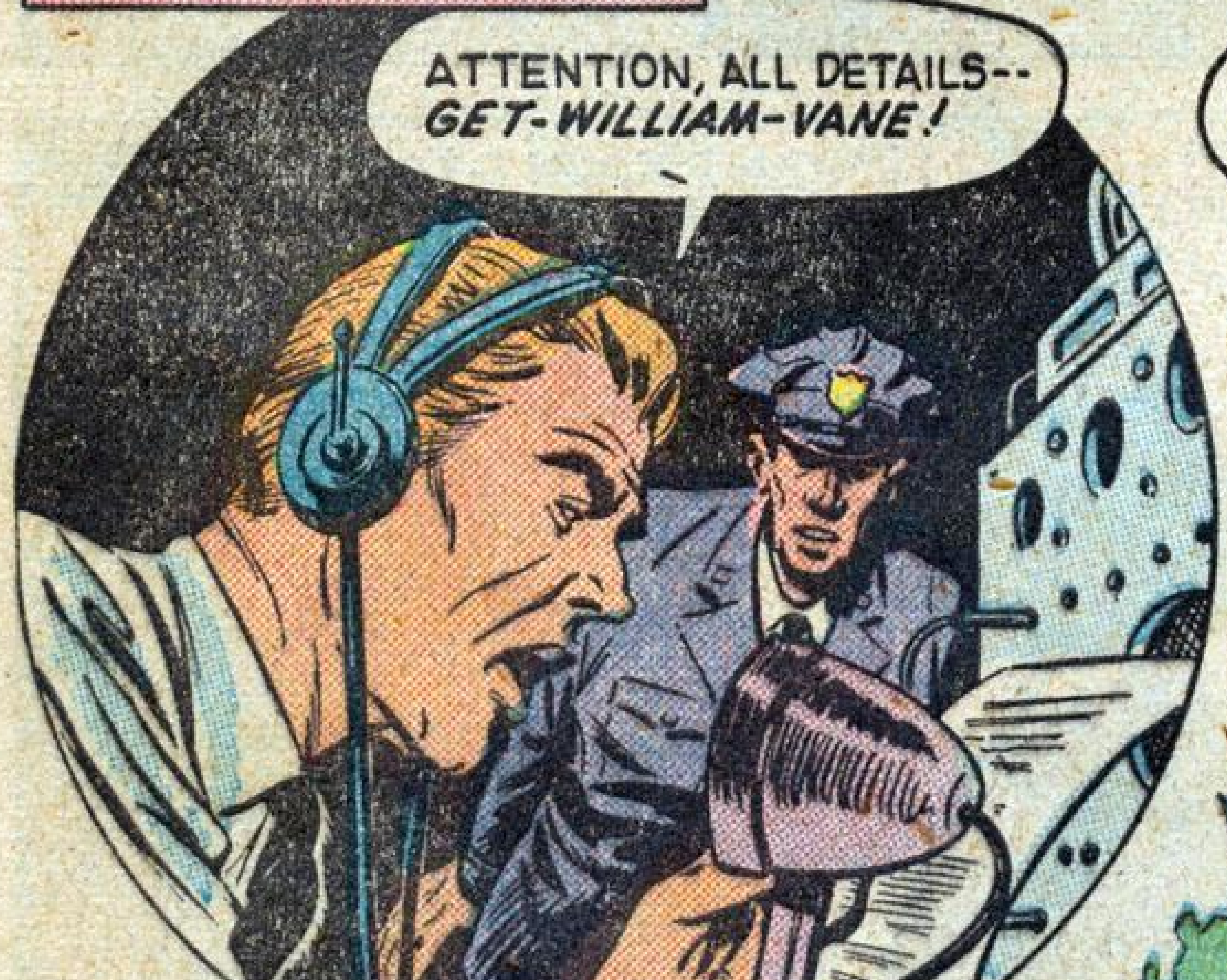
"*THIS* IS WHAT YOU NEVER KNEW!"

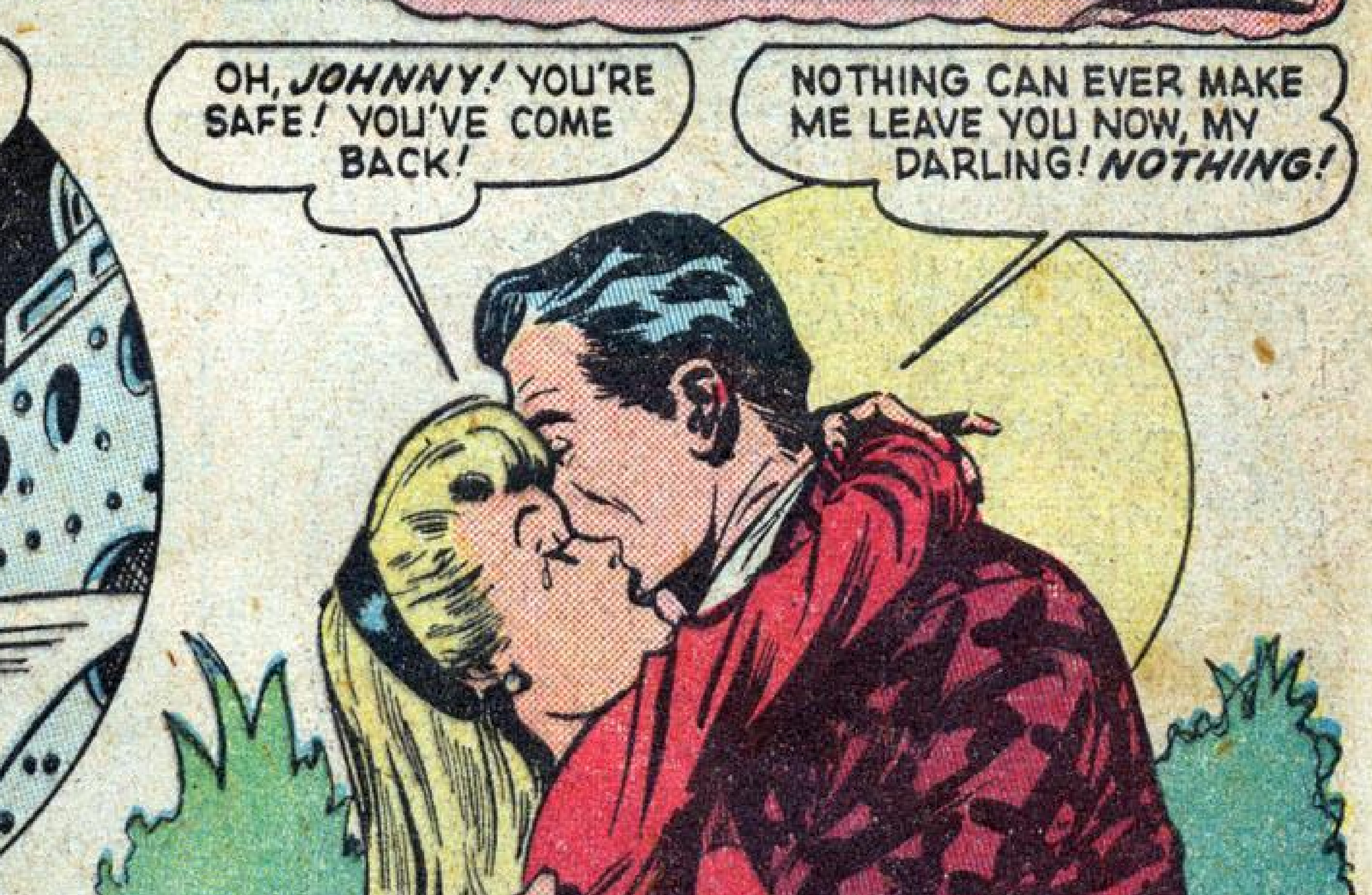

STOP! WAIT! VANE IS INNOCENT! HERE'S A WIRE FROM THE GOVERNOR!


I REMEMBER EVERYTHING NOW! NO, IT WASN'T JOHNNY VANE--OF COURSE NOT--IT WAS HIS FATHER, WILLIAM VANE! HE TOLD ME HE HAD A PERFECT ALIBI! IT HAD TO DO WITH A TRAMP...


DANIEL DOONE ...WAS DISCOVERED...TO BE ALIVE...HALF
HOUR AGO...IN SMALL MIDWEST...HOSPITAL...HAD
BEEN...THROWN CLEAR OF CAR...WHEN IT CRASHED
FELL INTO NEARBY RIVER...DRIFTED DOWNSTREAM
BUT DUE TO HEAD INJURY...WANDERED AROUND...
COUNTRY WITH AMNESIA...HE JUST RECOVERED...

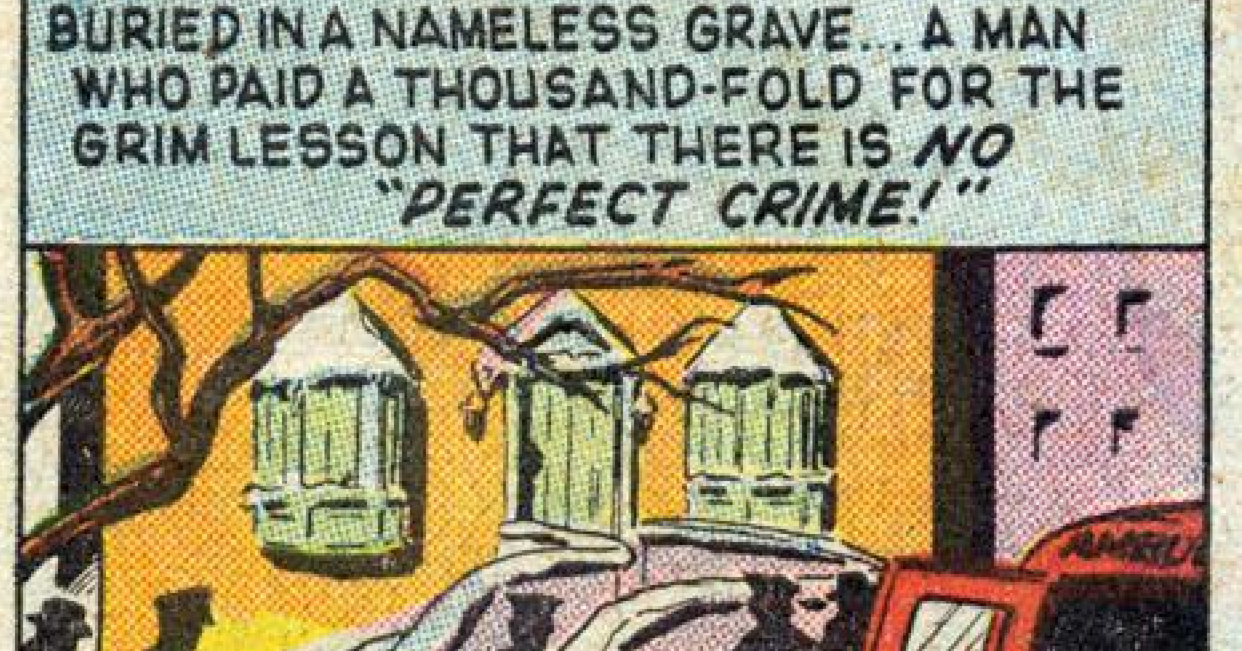
AND SO, MINUTES LATER...

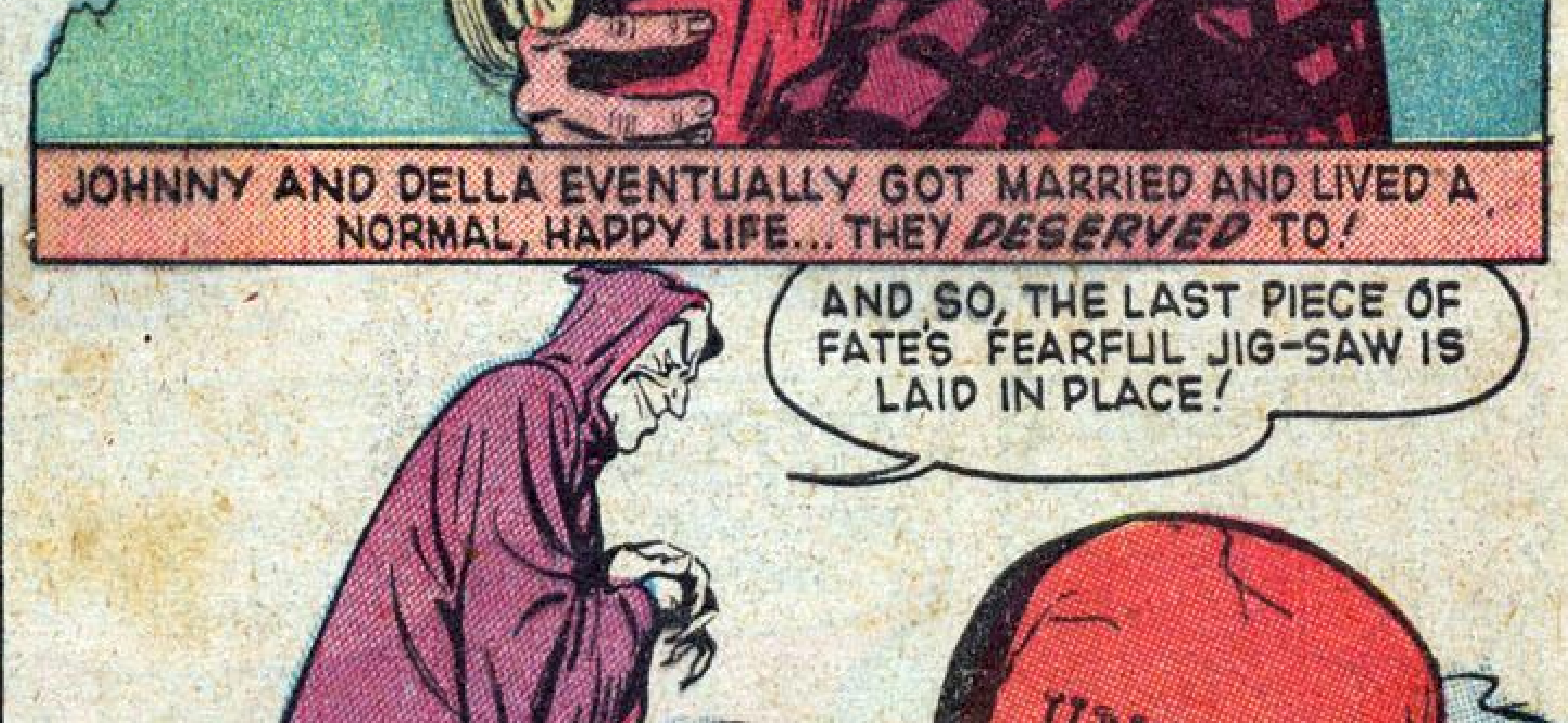

ATTENTION, ALL DETAILS--*GET-WILLIAM-VANE!*


OH, *JOHNNY!* YOU'RE SAFE! YOU'VE COME BACK!
NOTHING CAN EVER MAKE ME LEAVE YOU NOW, MY DARLING! *NOTHING!*

JOHNNY AND DELLA EVENTUALLY GOT MARRIED AND LIVED A NORMAL, HAPPY LIFE... THEY *DESERVED* TO!

BUT NOTHING WAS EVER HEARD OF WILLIAM VANE AGAIN--FOR HE WAS A MAN WHO DIED A NAMELESS DEATH, AND HE WAS BURIED IN A NAMELESS GRAVE... A MAN WHO PAID A THOUSAND-FOLD FOR THE GRIM LESSON THAT THERE IS *NO "PERFECT CRIME!"*




AND SO, THE LAST PIECE OF FATE'S FEARFUL JIG-SAW IS LAID IN PLACE!
UNKNOWN
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A LIFE IS ENDED--A STORY CLOSED--AND ANOTHER CASE HISTORY IS SWALLOWED UP IN THE GRIM ANNALS OF CRIME!

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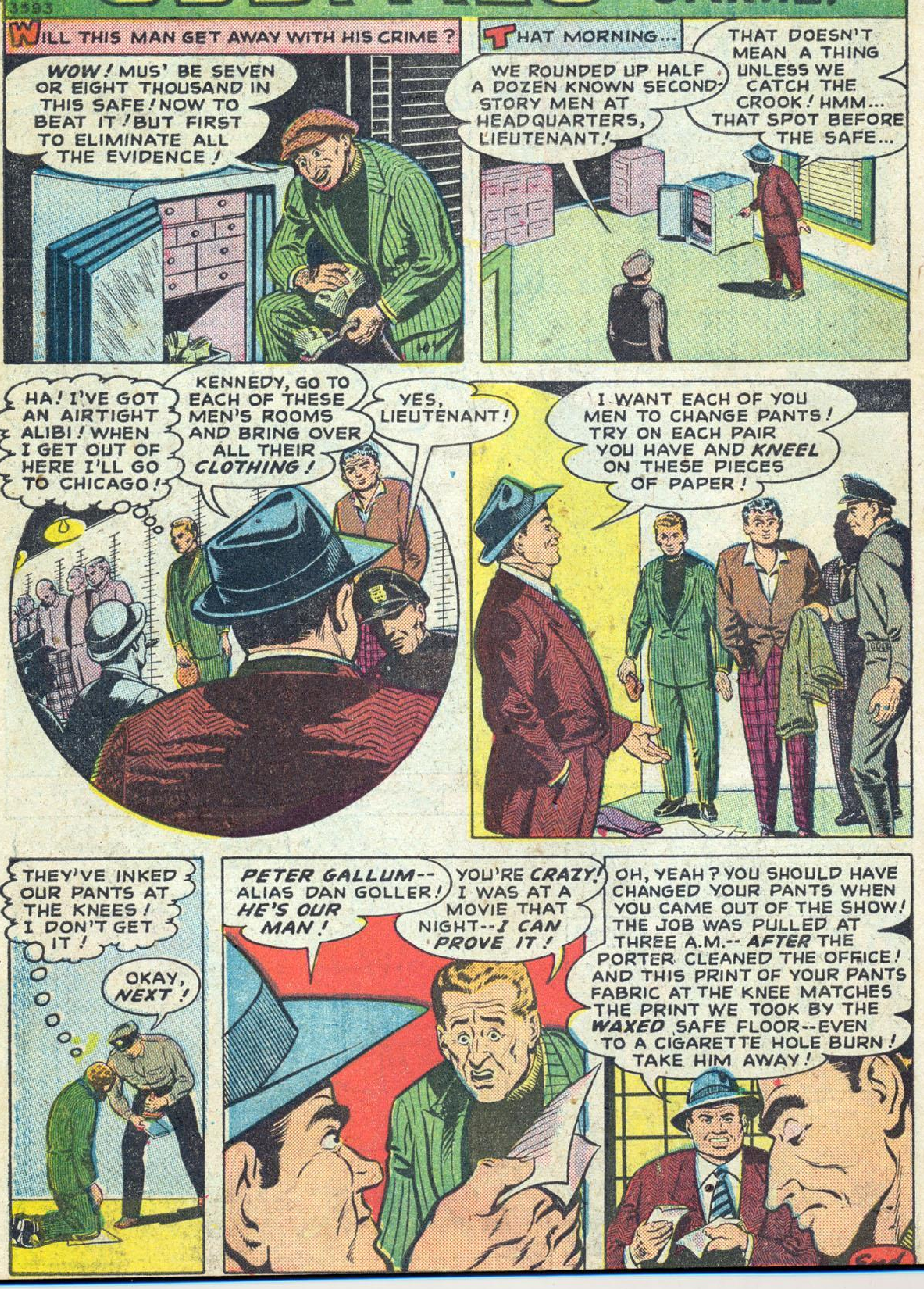
ODDITIES IN CRIME!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WILL THIS MAN GET AWAY WITH HIS CRIME?
WOW! MUS' BE SEVEN OR EIGHT THOUSAND IN THIS SAFE! NOW TO BEAT IT! BUT FIRST TO ELIMINATE ALL THE EVIDENCE!
THAT MORNING...
WE ROUNDED UP HALF A DOZEN KNOWN SECOND-STORY MEN AT HEADQUARTERS, LIEUTENANT!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN A THING UNLESS WE CATCH THE CROOK! HMM... THAT SPOT BEFORE THE SAFE...
HA! I'VE GOT AN AIRTIGHT ALIBI! WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE I'LL GO TO CHICAGO!
KENNEDY, GO TO EACH OF THESE MEN'S ROOMS AND BRING OVER ALL THEIR CLOTHING!
YES, LIEUTENANT!
I WANT EACH OF YOU MEN TO CHANGE PANTS! TRY ON EACH PAIR YOU HAVE AND KNEEL ON THESE PIECES OF PAPER!
THEY'VE INKED OUR PANTS AT THE KNEES! I DON'T GET IT!
OKAY, NEXT!
PETER GALLUM--ALIAS DAN GOLLER! HE'S OUR MAN!
YOU'RE CRAZY! I WAS AT A MOVIE THAT NIGHT--I CAN PROVE IT!
OH, YEAH? YOU SHOULD HAVE CHANGED YOUR PANTS WHEN YOU CAME OUT OF THE SHOW! THE JOB WAS PULLED AT THREE A.M.--AFTER THE PORTER CLEANED THE OFFICE! AND THIS PRINT OF YOUR PANTS FABRIC AT THE KNEE MATCHES THE PRINT WE TOOK BY THE WAXED SAFE FLOOR--EVEN TO A CIGARETTE HOLE BURN! TAKE HIM AWAY!
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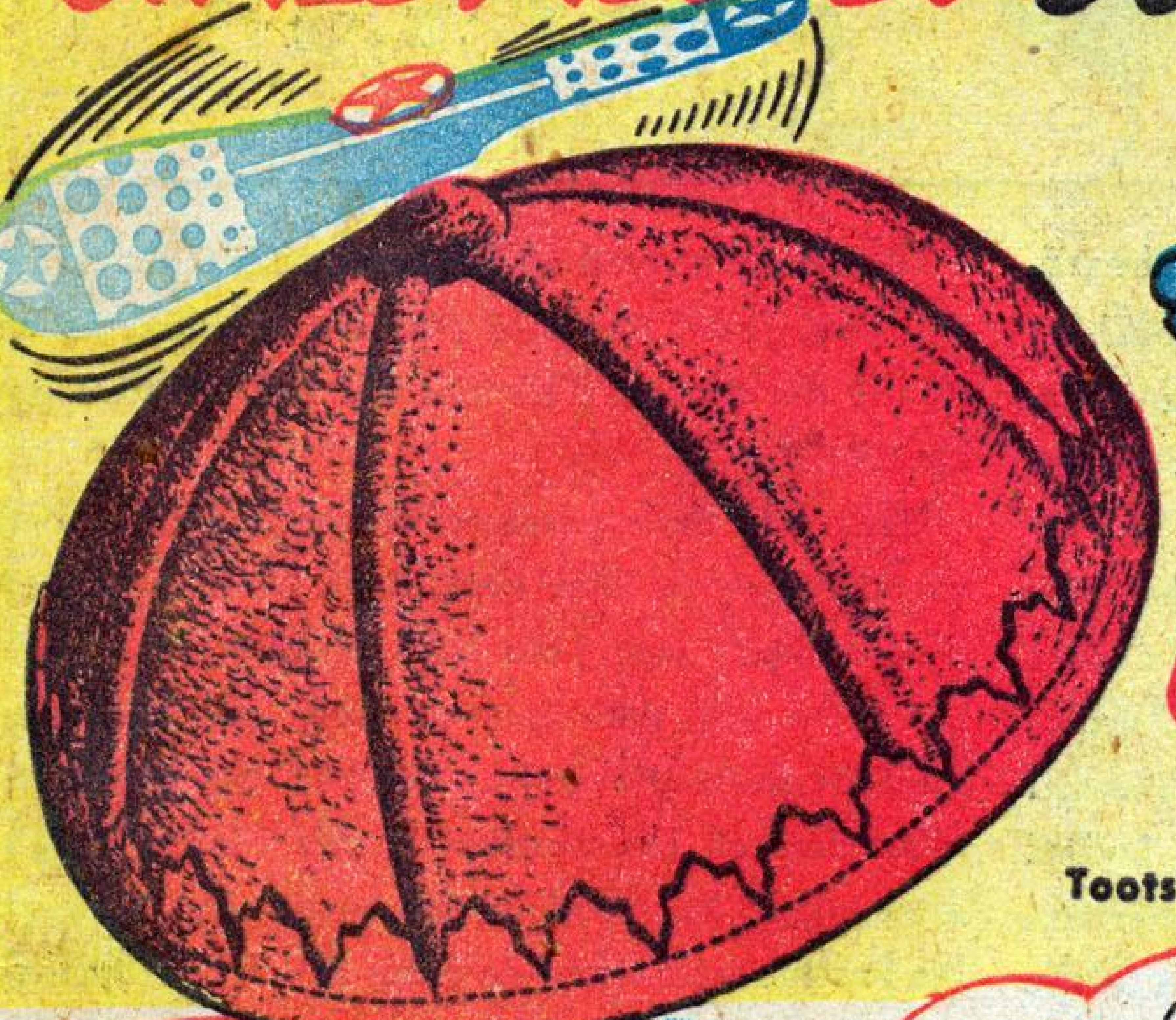

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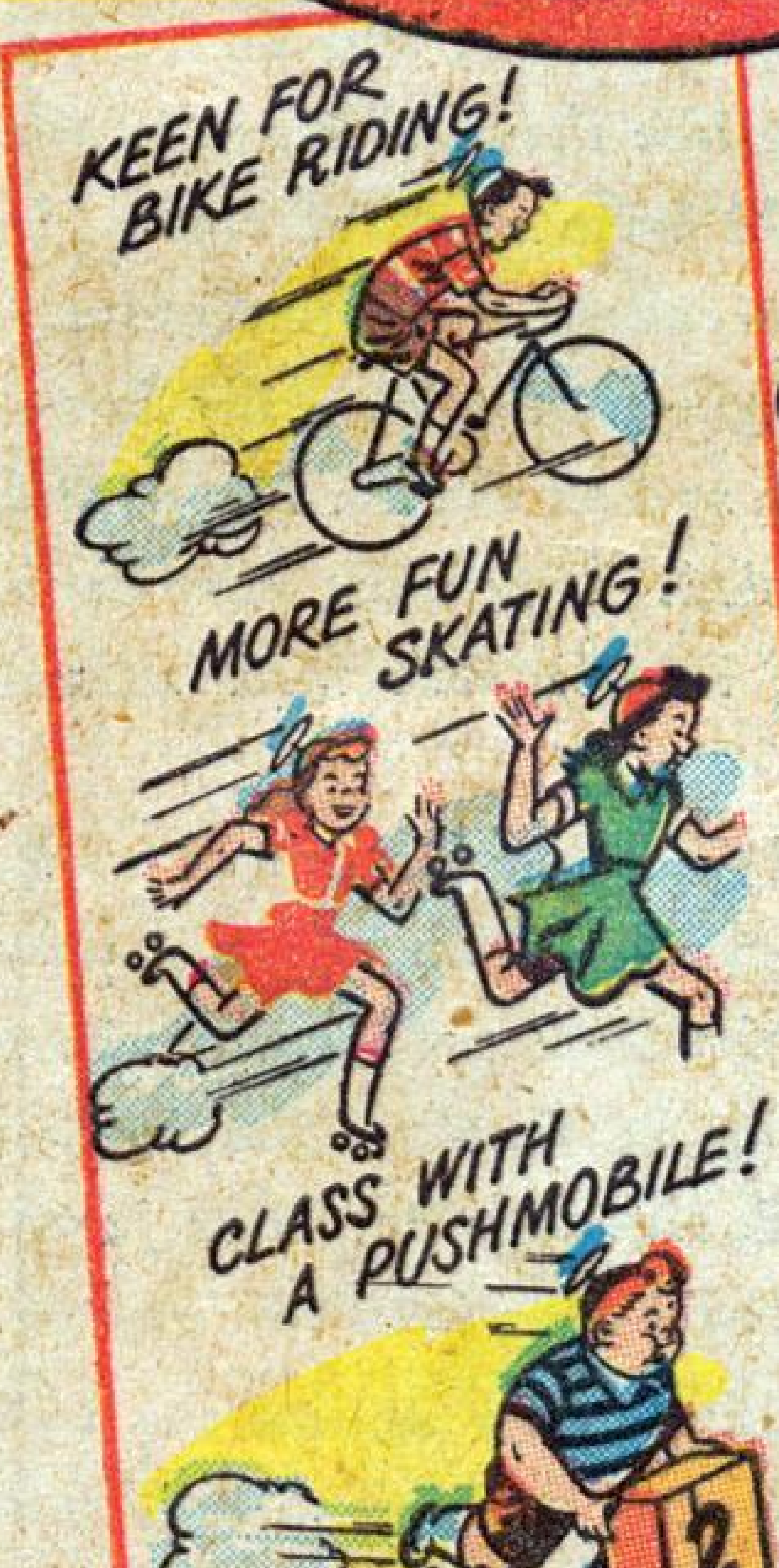
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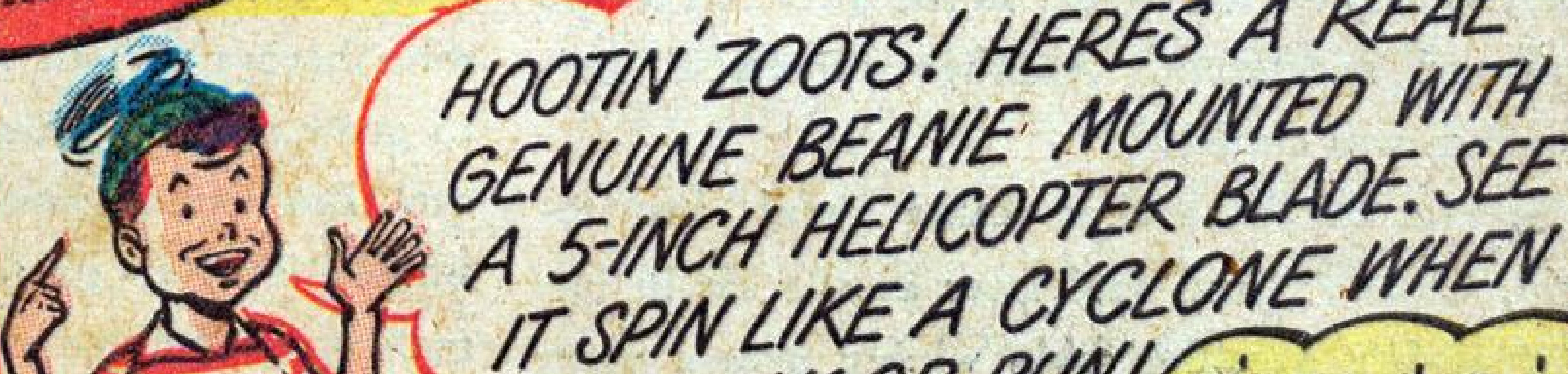
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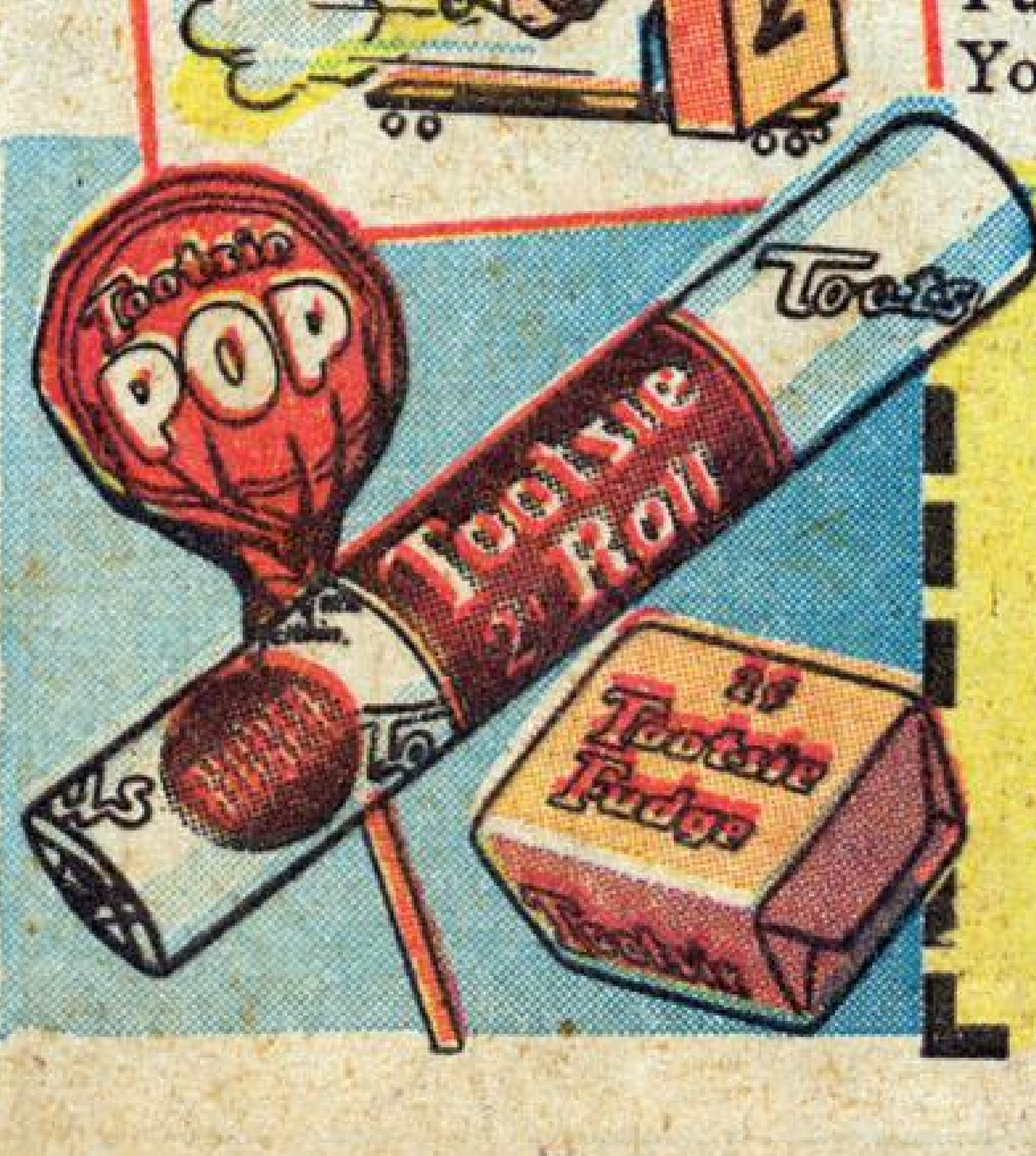
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JEAN stood calmly beside the white board, holding the piece of chalk in her mouth as Chuck leveled the pistol from across the stage. The audience was hushed, silent, afraid. If he should miss . . . !

Now Chuck squinted down the barrel, held his breath and squeezed the trigger carefully. Crack! The audience gasped as the piece of chalk splintered, only the stub remaining in Jean's mouth! He had neatly cut it in two with the bullet! Thunderous applause greeted the two, brother and sister, as they bowed deeply in the direction of the entranced spectators. Another successful performance was ended!

"Several of those shots came awful close tonight, Chuck," Jean said later as she sat in her chair at her dressing table wiping grease paint from her face.

"No closer than every other night. What's the matter? Not losing your nerve, are you, Jean?"

She didn't answer because he wasn't looking directly into her eyes! No, she wouldn't lose her nerve, not as long as he kept shooting in that old style of his, that free, easy, casual style. But there was something about him lately, something she couldn't quite understand. His motions seemed jerky, unrhythmical, as if he were not sure of himself any more. Maybe he was losing *his* nerve! She didn't know, but she *did* know that she hadn't liked the look in his eyes when he fired those last two shots. Could it have been fear she'd seen there?

As Chuck left the dressing room, he thought of the look he'd noticed in Jean's eyes as he'd fired those last shots. He'd had the foolish notion that she was going to move to one side! If she had moved . . . he shuddered inwardly as he pictured what might have happened. Those bullets were deadly, unmerciful and impartial.

"Get Tiny started on his homework right away, will you, Jean?" he said over his shoulder as he closed the door. "Tell him I'll help when I get back."

Tiny was their younger brother. They'd had to take care of him ever since Mom and Pop died. Chuck and Jean both followed the stage the same way their parents had, and Tiny was built in the same mold. He had the tangy exhilaration of the theater in his blood. Night after night he stood in the wings and watched his brother and sister do their act. To Tiny they were heroes of vast proportions, and he wanted to grow up to be just like them, to share in the act. But Chuck would have none of that. He wanted Tiny to go to college, be a professional man, a doctor, an engineer, maybe study law—anything but the stage and all the hard work and heartaches it represented. Tiny must have some of the opportunities in life that he'd missed himself.

After she'd started Tiny on his school work, Jean took a walk backstage. She was still worried as she entered the little prop room where Chuck practiced firing at targets. She looked unconcernedly around, and then her heart jumped into her throat! Stark fear held her motionless! For there standing grimly against the wall was the white silhouetted practice board that Chuck used to keep his shooting eye keen. An unquenchable terror welled up in her as she stared at the clean, white figure painted on the board. There were the unmistakable marks of two bullet holes in it—one in the throat, one over the heart!

She steadied herself against the door with one hand. What did it mean? Was Chuck really slipping? Was his hand growing shaky? Or were these deliberate misses? He had never missed before, even in practice. What was the matter with Chuck? She knew that she couldn't go on night after night, letting him shoot at her, not when she had that lurking, horrible fear in her heart.

But the next night Jean and Chuck went on with the act as usual. She took her position in front of the board. The footlights were blinding her, and tiny beads of perspiration broke out on her forehead and upper lip. Then she squared her shoulders, her mouth hardened with inward determination. If this were to be the end, let it be! She'd never been afraid before, and if she had fear now, she'd hide it from Chuck as well as she could!

Chuck was checking his pistols and watching her. What was the matter with her? he was wondering. He was completely sure of himself, but Jean—everything depended on her! She must remain perfectly still, she must not move one inch—it would be disaster if she did!

Then he was firing the guns, and the tiny bullet holes began to outline Jean's motionless figure on the board. Crack, crack, crack went the gun in Chuck's hand. One bullet went through the sleeve of her blouse, barely missing her arm. That was the closest he'd ever come!

Suddenly it was over—and Jean felt a surging relief flow through her. Not a single bullet had touched her! She was safe, alive!

Chuck was breathing rapidly as he turned to the audience to take his bow. In that last terrible moment he had been sure Jean was going to move, but she didn't, not even the slightest bit! Now the act was over and they were through for the night.

In the dressing room Chuck and Jean stared guiltily at each other. Fear was in their hearts, fear of the other and of themselves. Jean decided that she couldn't stand another performance like that. This one had been almost more than she could bear. She'd have to come right out and ask him what the matter was—that was the only way to find out for sure. She had to know the meaning of that look in his eyes.

Chuck, too, knew that something was wrong; he felt it deep inside him. But what? He couldn't go on with the act if he were afraid Jean was going to move each time he fired the gun. If she *were* afraid, he knew it would only be a matter of time until she *would* move, and then he'd hit her. They had to have perfect confidence in each other if the act were to continue. Faith was the all important thing between them. There could be no gnawing doubts or fears—ever!

Then they both heard it at the same moment—the sound of a gun being fired. And they heard a second shot. They seemed to come from the prop room. The moment of tense silence was broken when Tiny burst in through the dressing room door.

"I did it, Chuck! Come see!" He was grinning from ear to ear, jumping from foot to foot in his excitement. He caught Chuck's hand and pulled him from the room. Jean followed.

Into the prop room they marched, and Tiny pointed to the target. It was ringed with holes. "I did it!" Tiny cried again. "I've been practicing with one of your old guns. I missed a couple in the beginning, but now I've got it down pat!"

They saw the marks on the throat and heart. Finally Jean began to stammer. "B . . . but I thought . . . I thought . . ."

Suddenly Chuck understood her fear. "I know," he said gently. "You thought it was I who had missed. But we both know the truth now, don't we? You see, Jean, I've been afraid you'd move."

She nodded to him, apparently in a daze. "I understand, Chuck." Of course, how silly she'd been! She should have known better than to be afraid of Chuck.

"I couldn't miss, Jean," he said, taking her hand in his, "not with you standing there at the board in front of me. You look too much like Mom."

Then Tiny went to the board and began counting the holes he'd made. He wasn't quite good enough yet, but he knew the day would come when, with Chuck to teach him, he'd be as good as Chuck was. He'd have to practice a lot yet, but some day there'd be three of them in the act together—Chuck and Jean and Tiny!

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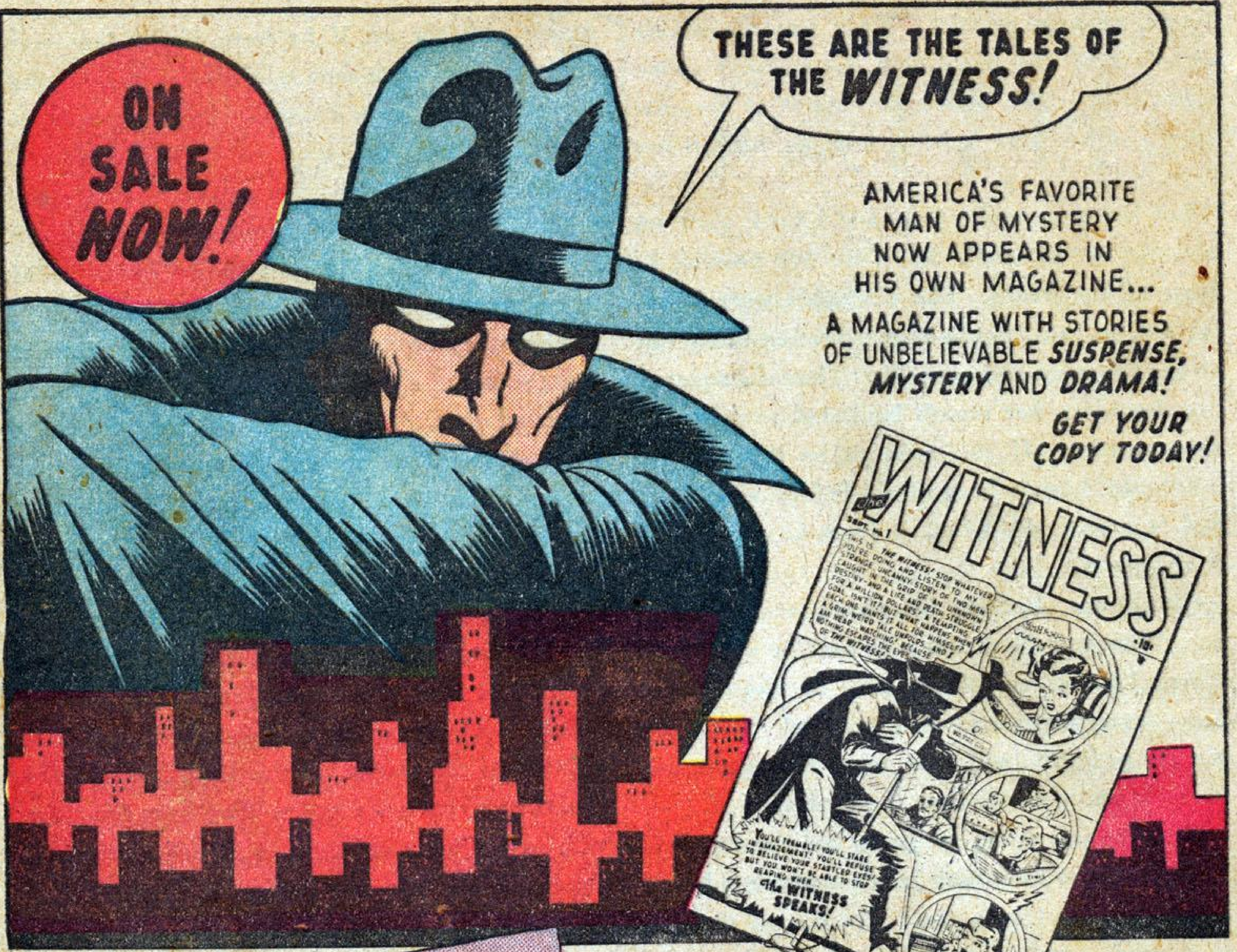
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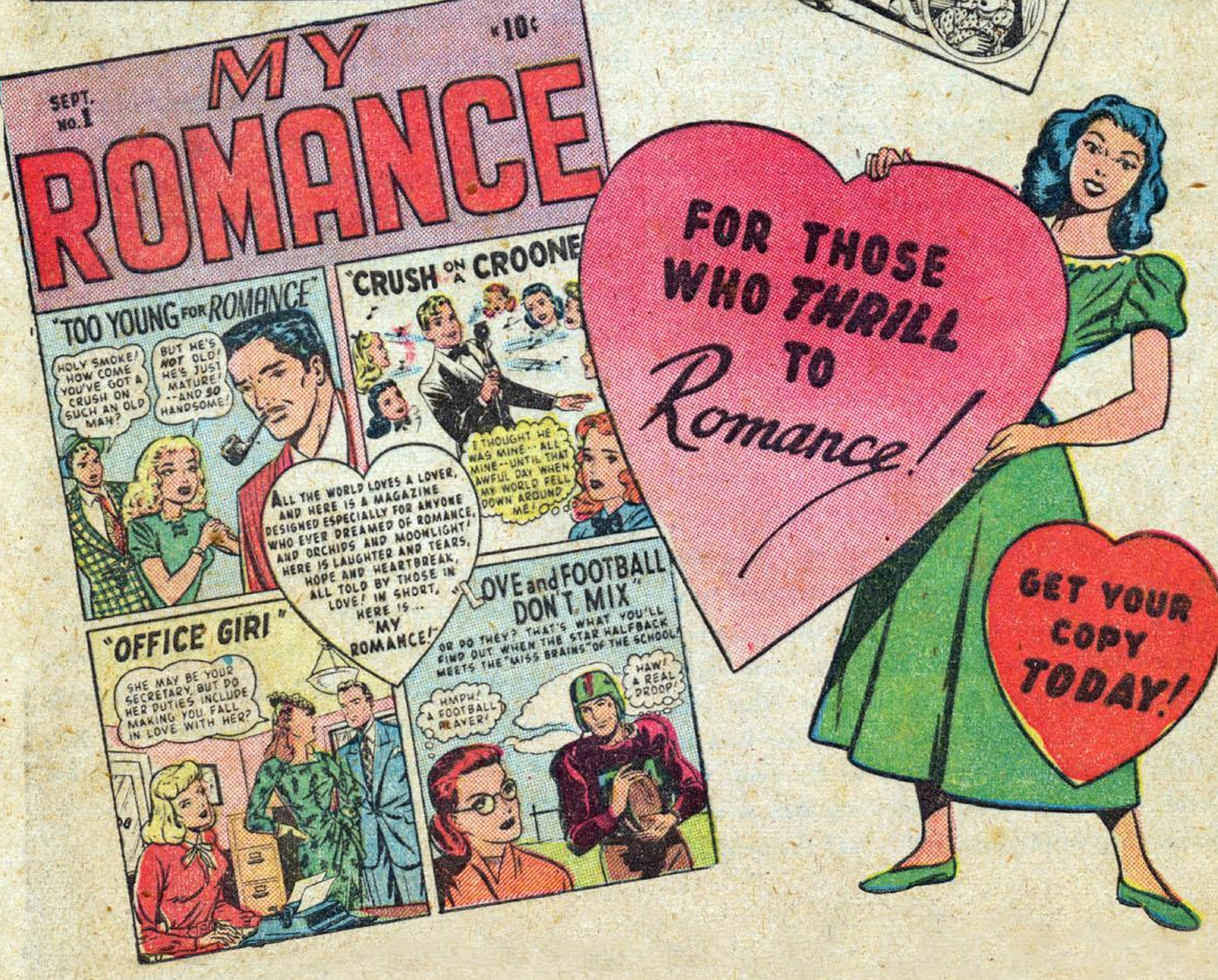
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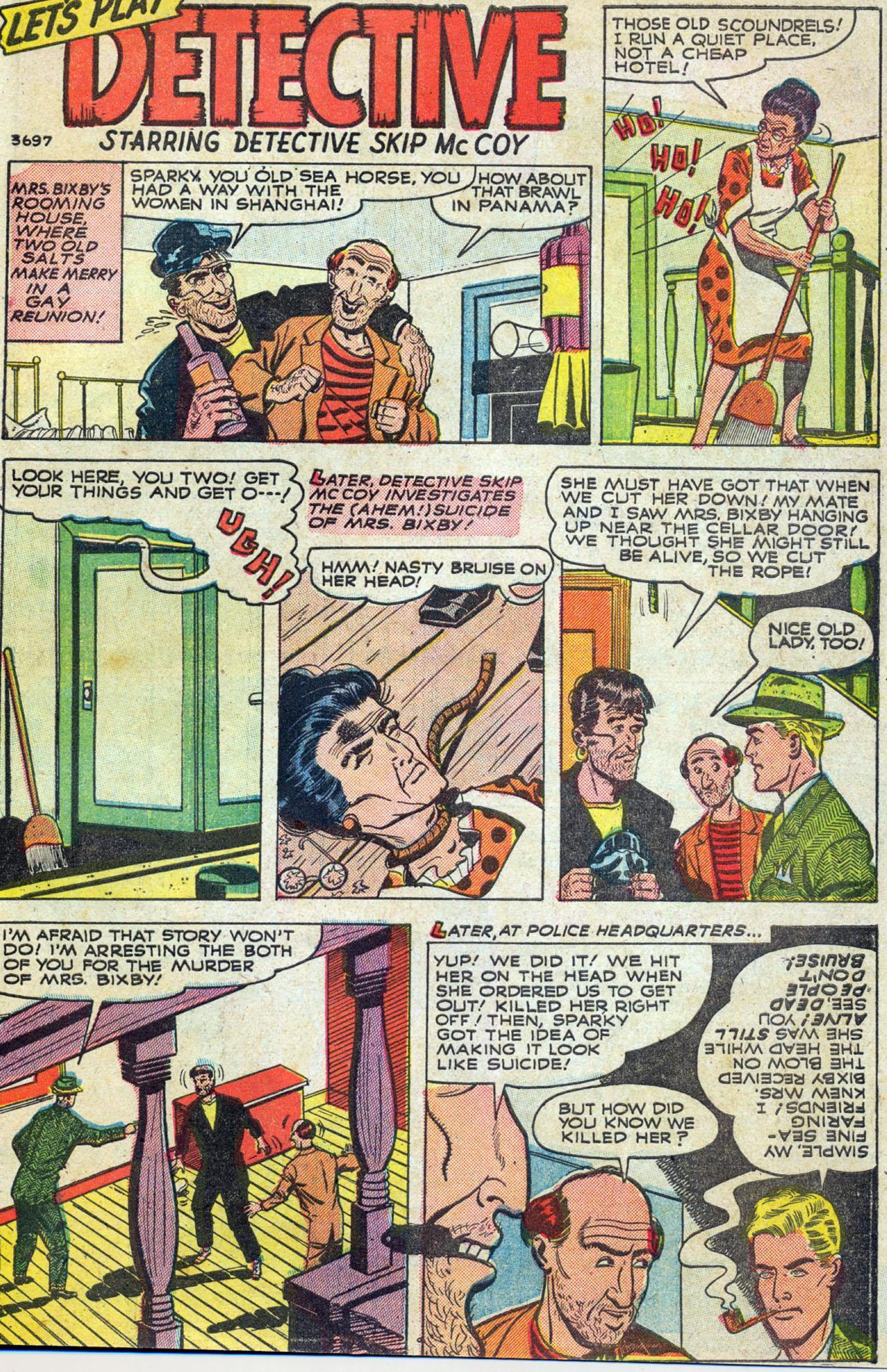
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SPARKY, YOU OLD SEA HORSE, YOU HAD A WAY WITH THE WOMEN IN SHANGHAI!
HOW ABOUT THAT BRAWL IN PANAMA?
THOSE OLD SCOUNDRELS! I RUN A QUIET PLACE, NOT A CHEAP HOTEL!
HO! HO! HO!
LOOK HERE, YOU TWO! GET YOUR THINGS AND GET O---!
UGH!
LATER, DETECTIVE SKIP McCOY INVESTIGATES THE (AHEM!) SUICIDE OF MRS. BIXBY!
HMM! NASTY BRUISE ON HER HEAD!
SHE MUST HAVE GOT THAT WHEN WE CUT HER DOWN! MY MATE AND I SAW MRS. BIXBY HANGING UP NEAR THE CELLAR DOOR! WE THOUGHT SHE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE, SO WE CUT THE ROPE!
NICE OLD LADY, TOO!
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LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
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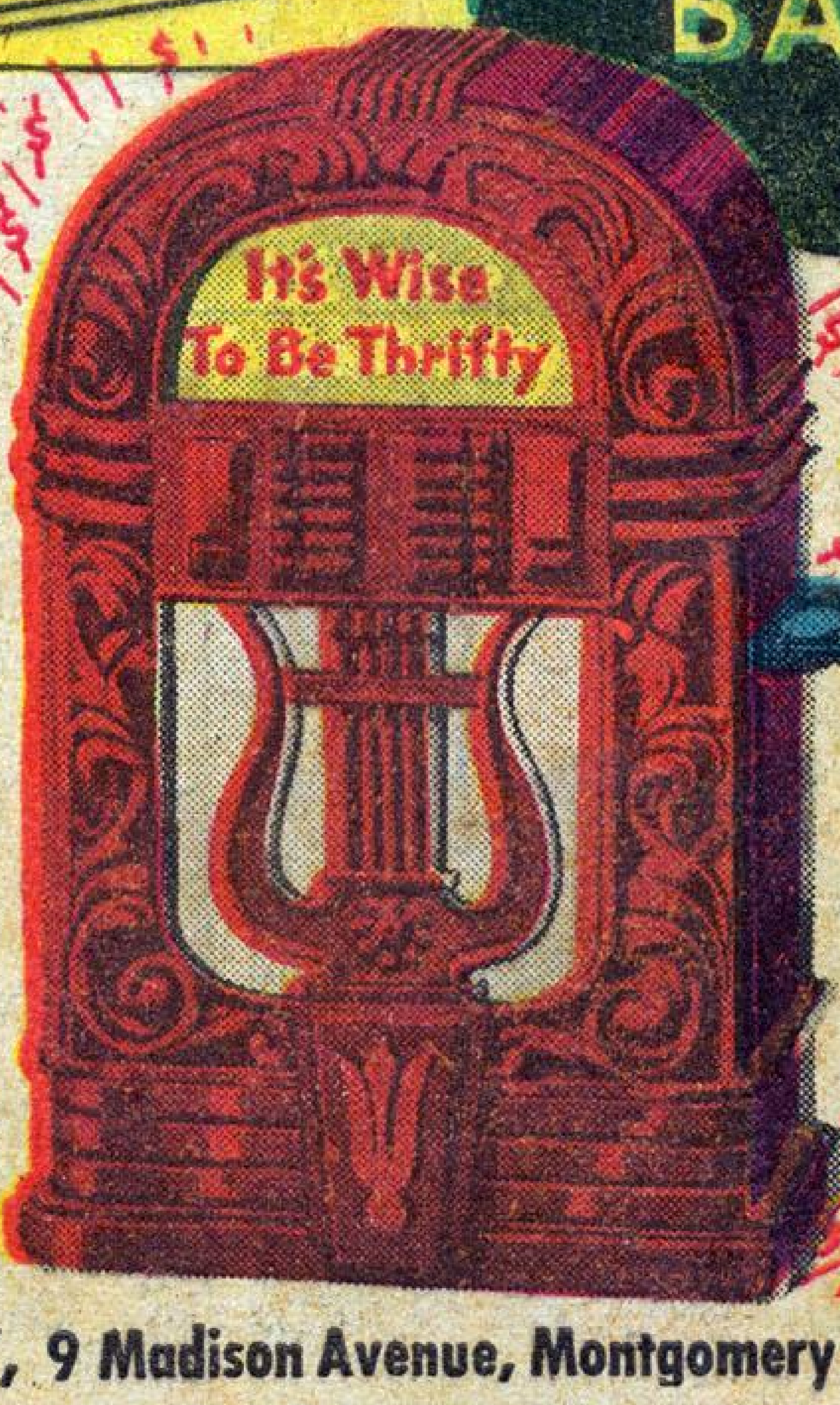
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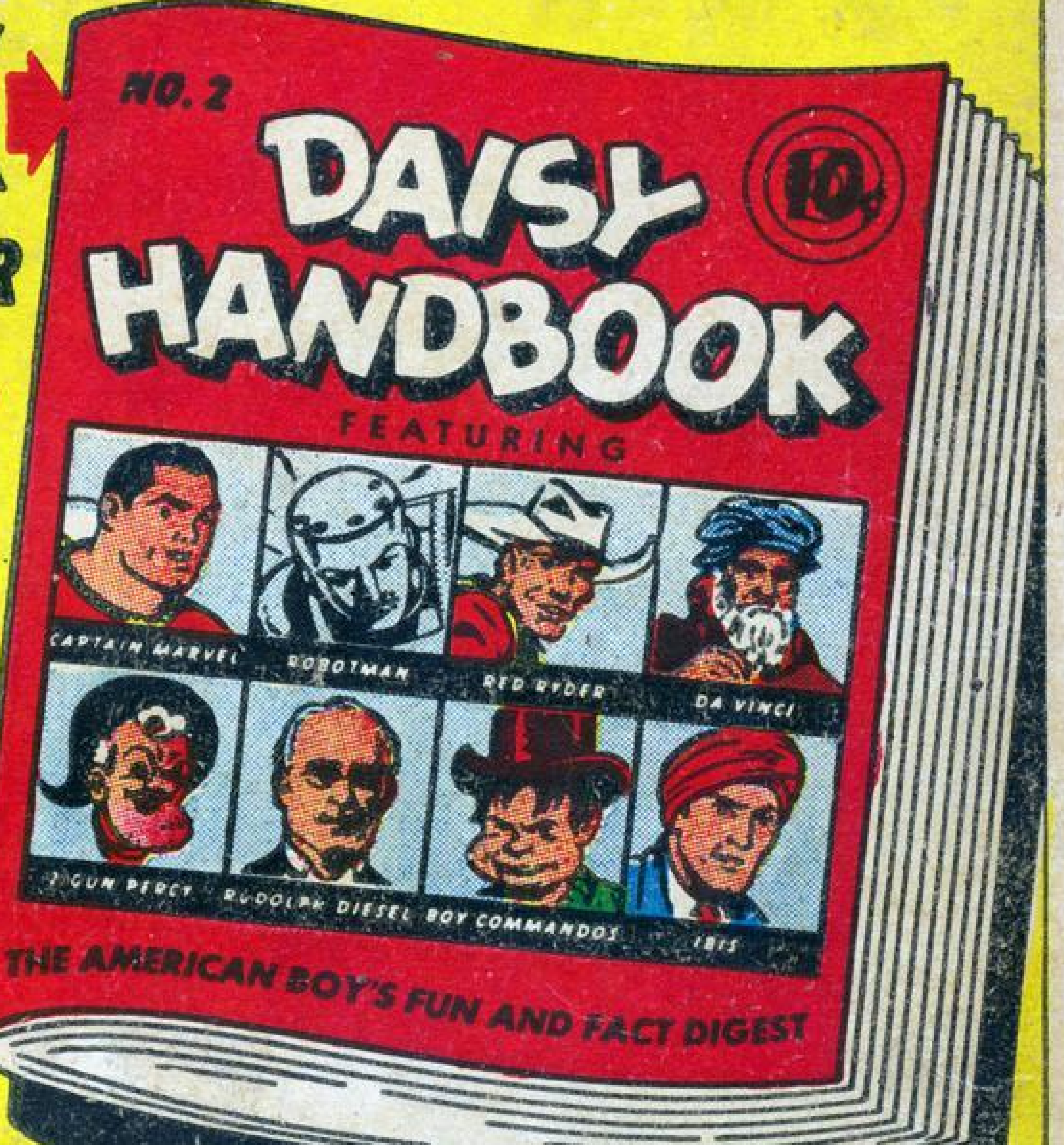
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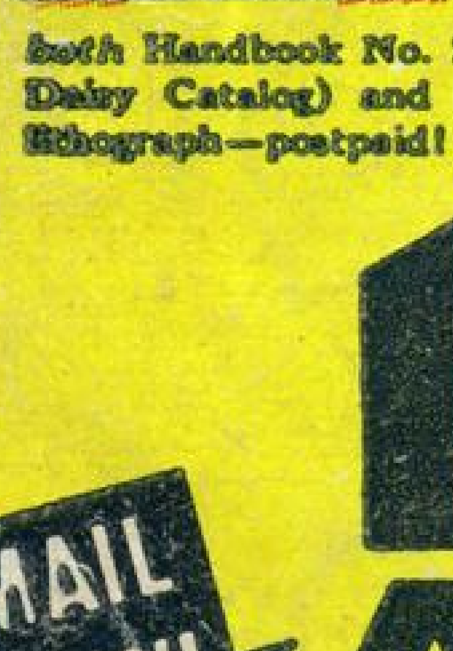

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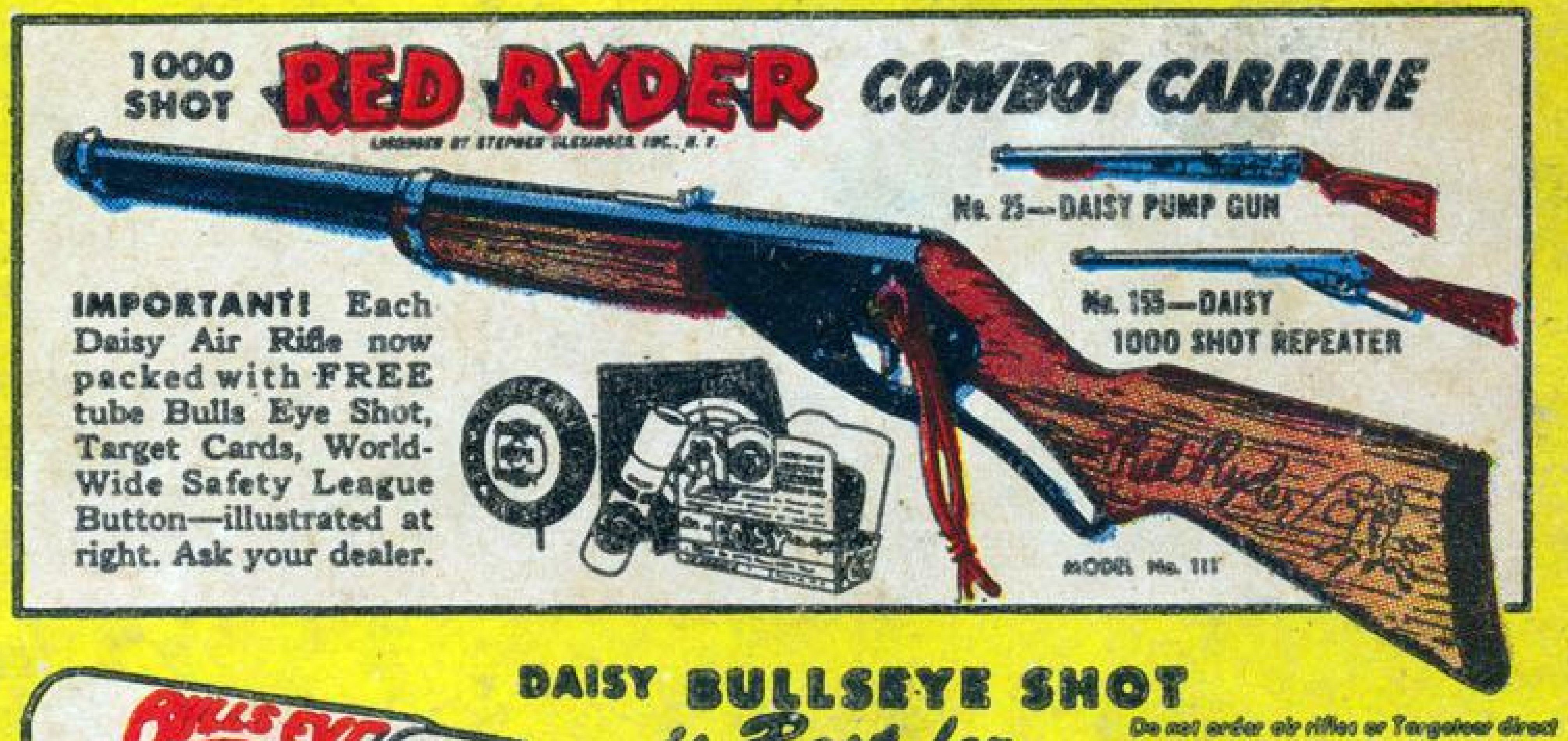
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